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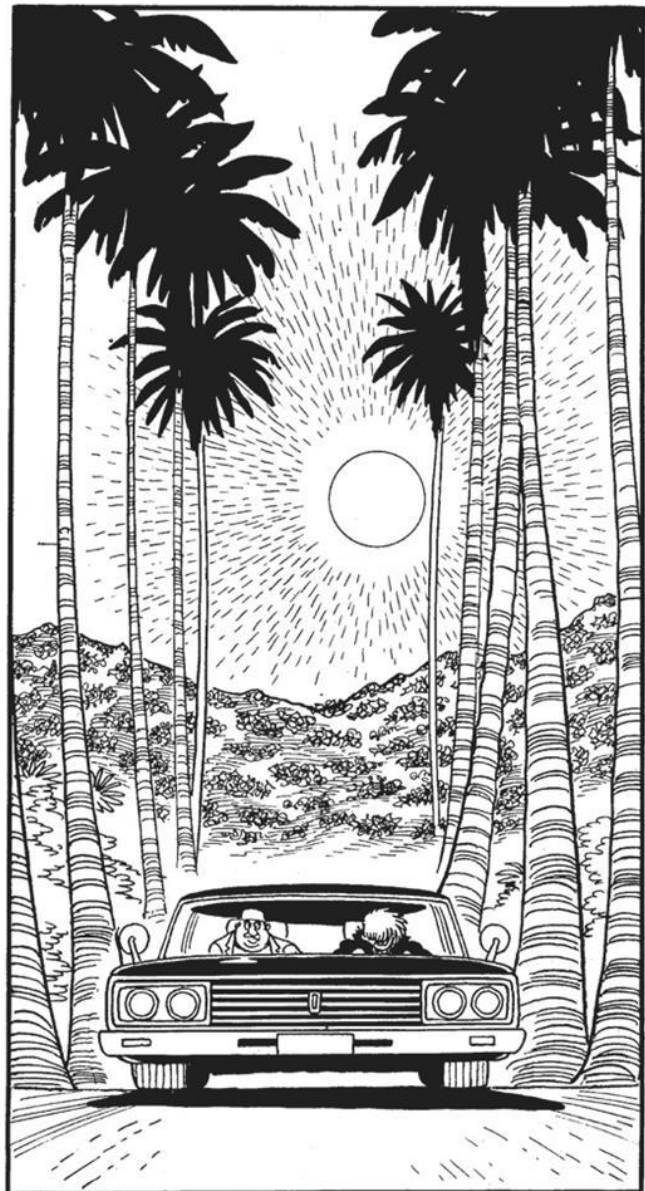
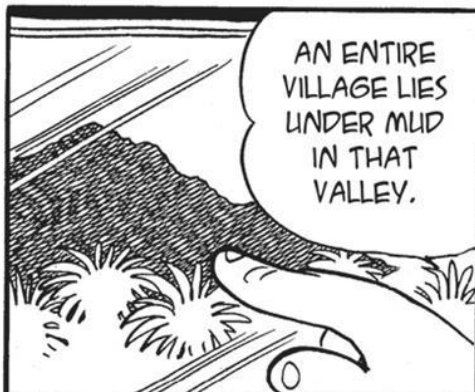
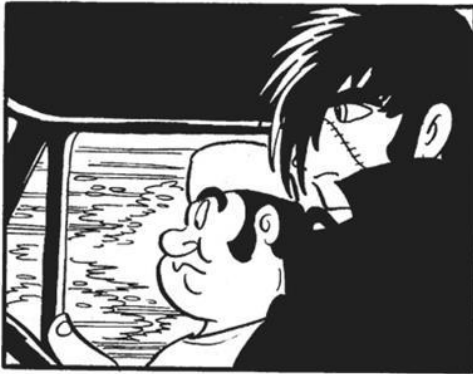
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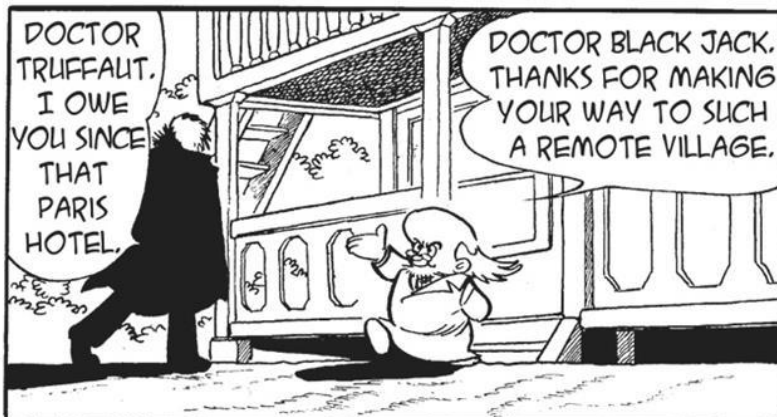
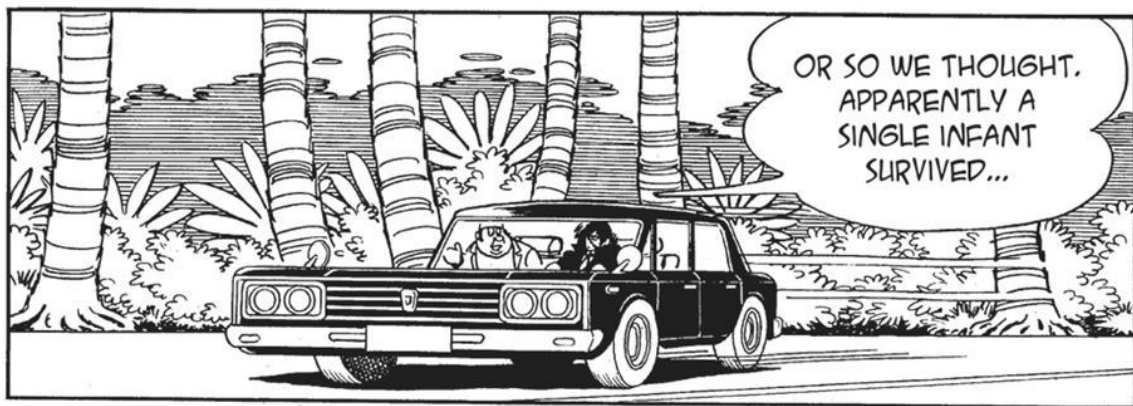


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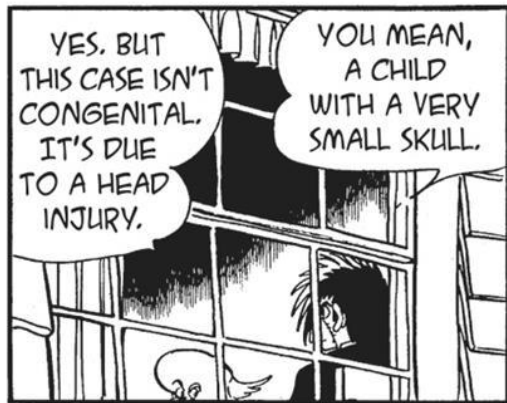
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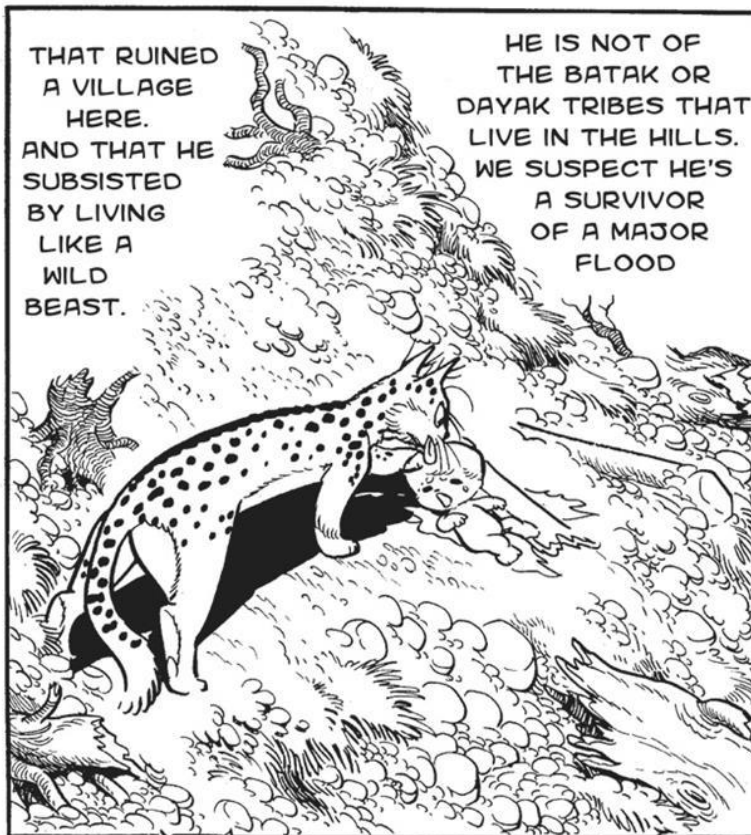
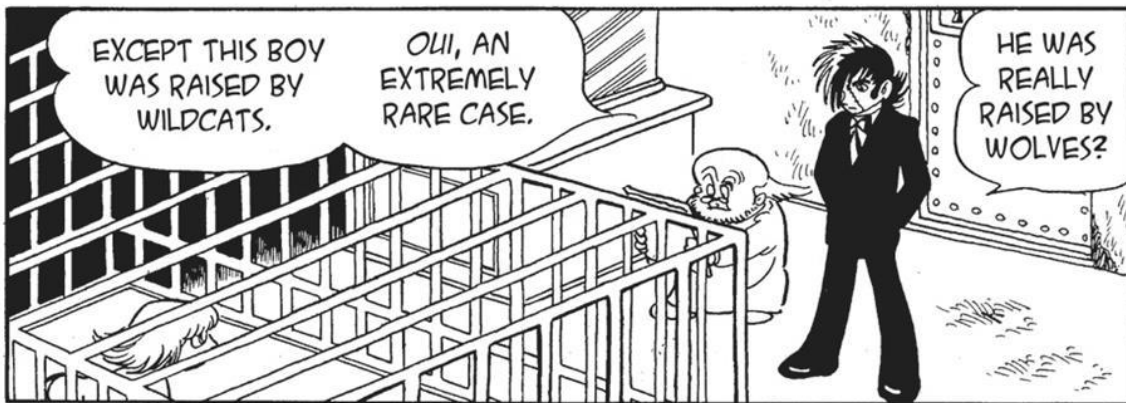
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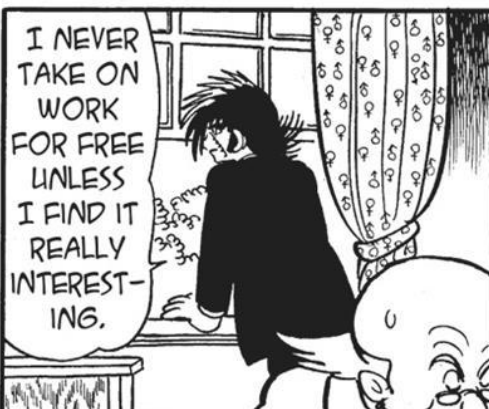
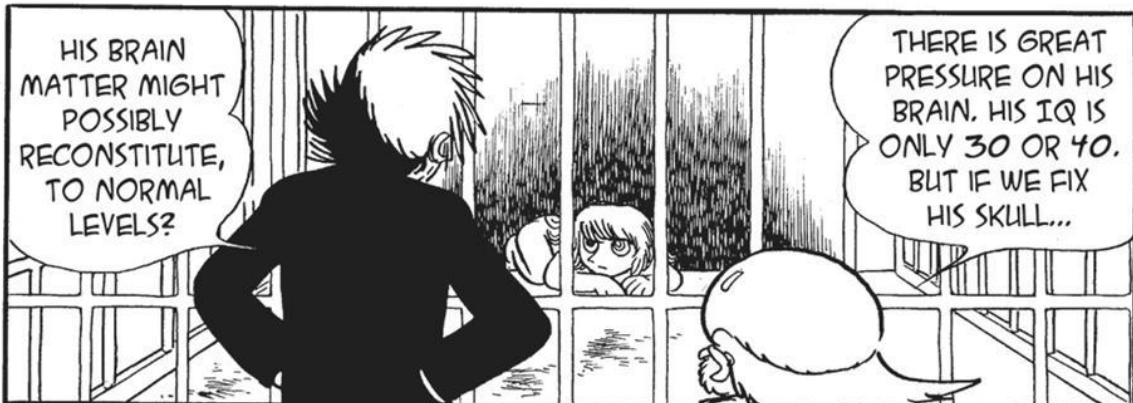
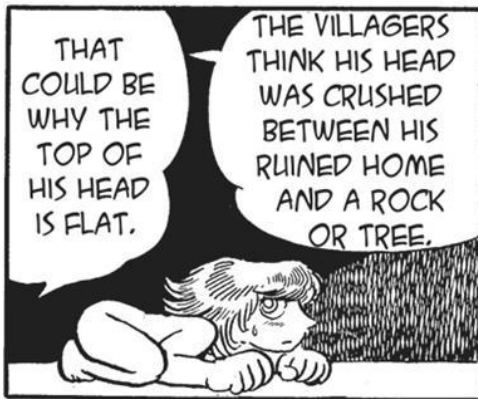


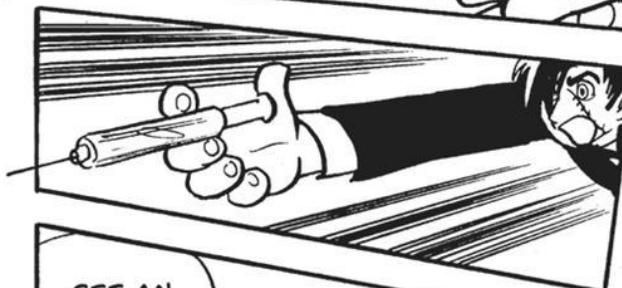
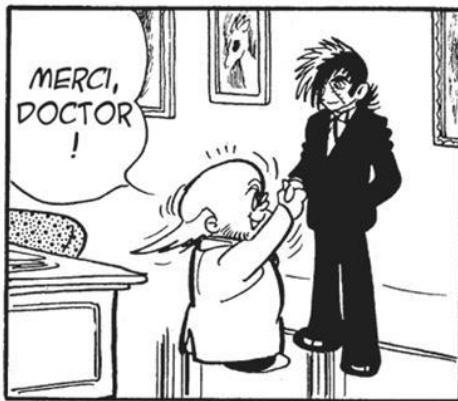


NOTE: THE FRENCH NEW-WAVE DIRECTOR FRANCOIS TRUFFAUT WROTE, DIRECTED AND STARRED IN A FILM CALLED THE WILD CHILD ABOUT A BOY WHO GREW UP IN SOLITUDE IN A FOREST.







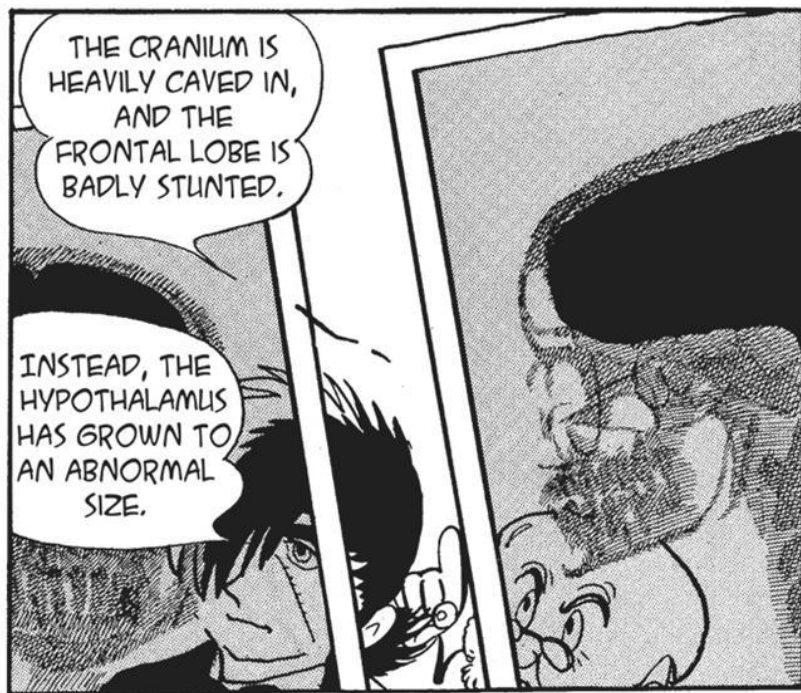


NOTE: "APU" IS THE DESTITUTE CHILD PROTAGONIST OF PATHER PANCHALI, A CLASSIC BENGALI NOVEL. THE 1955 FILM ADAPTATION BY SATYAJIT RAY WAS AN INTERNATIONAL SENSATION THAT WON PRIZES AT CANNES AND ELSEWHERE.



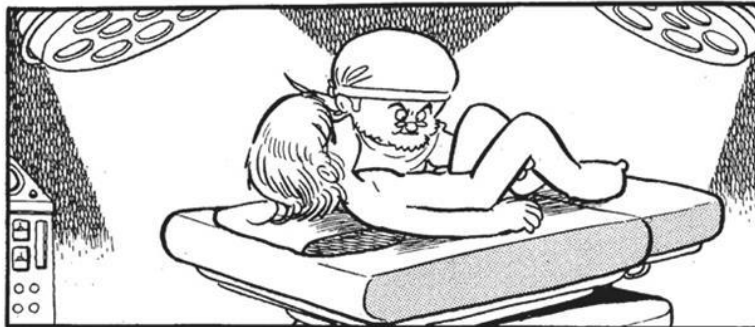
ANY HOPE
OF MAKING
HIM
NORMAL?

I'D SAY IT'S
FIFTY-FIFTY.
LET'S FOCUS
ON SAVING
HIS LIFE.



THE CRANIUM IS
HEAVILY CAVED IN,
AND THE
FRONTAL LOBE IS
BADLY STUNTED.

INSTEAD, THE
HYPOTHALAMUS
HAS GROWN TO
AN ABNORMAL
SIZE.

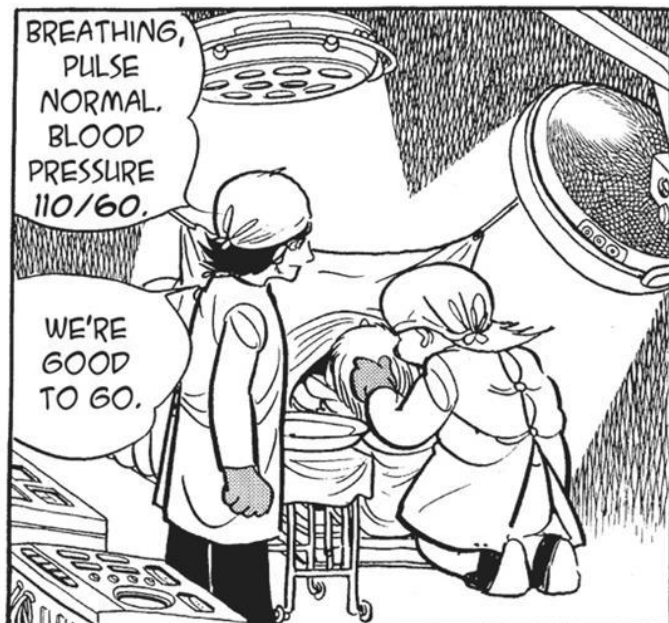


LET'S
GET
STARTED
THEN.



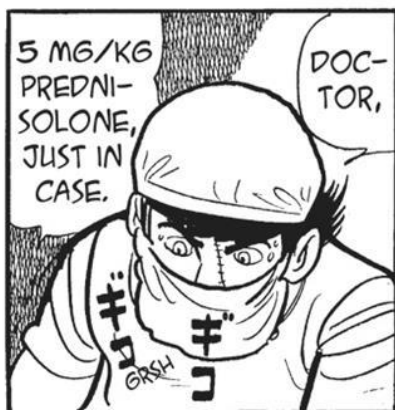
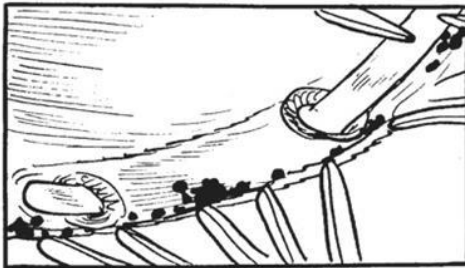
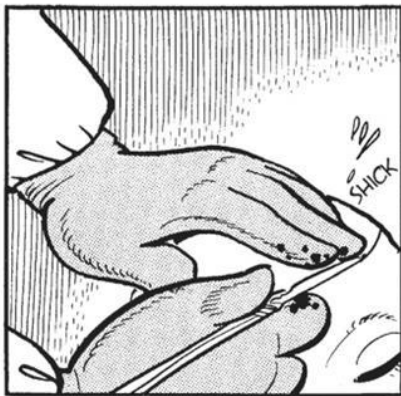
IT'S
AMAZING
HE LIVED!

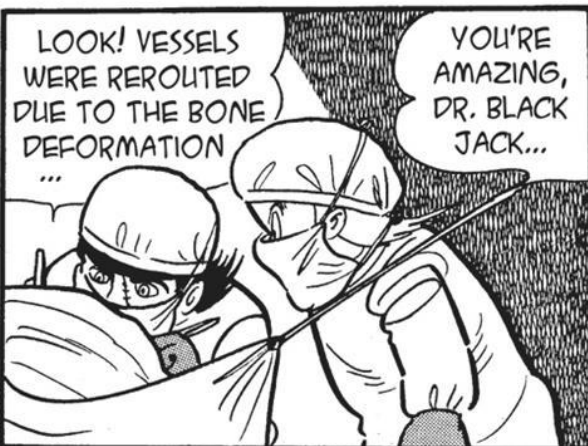
THE
COLLAPSE
WAS INDEED
CAUSED BY
PRESSURE.

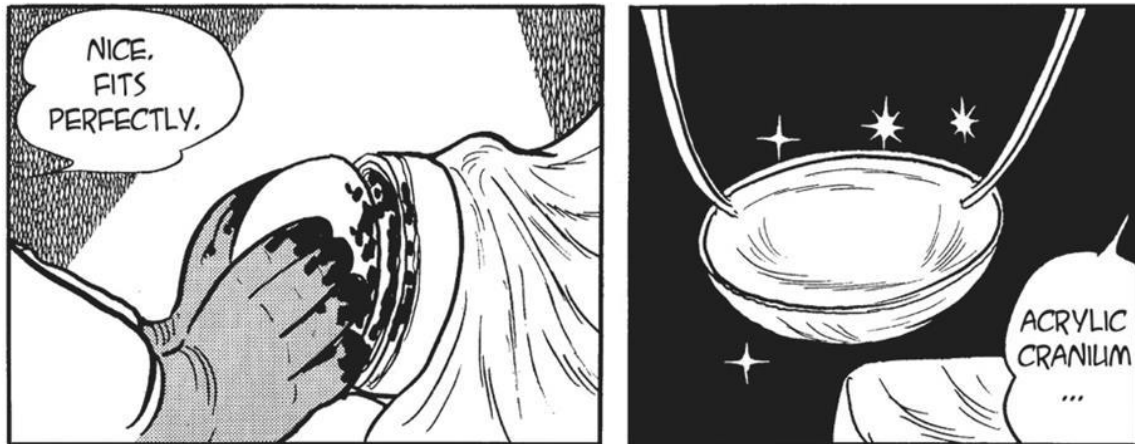


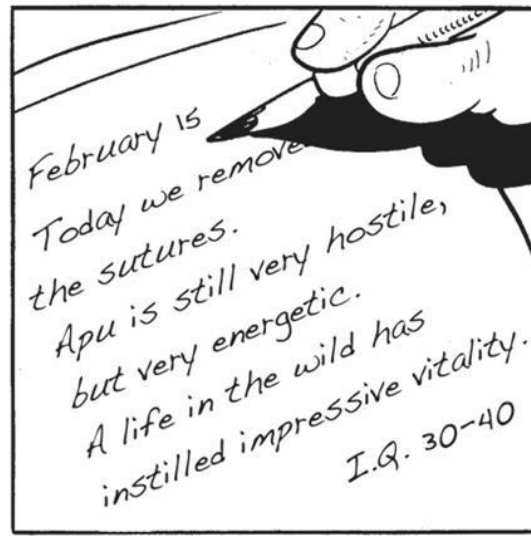
BREATHING,
PULSE
NORMAL.
BLOOD
PRESSURE
110/60.

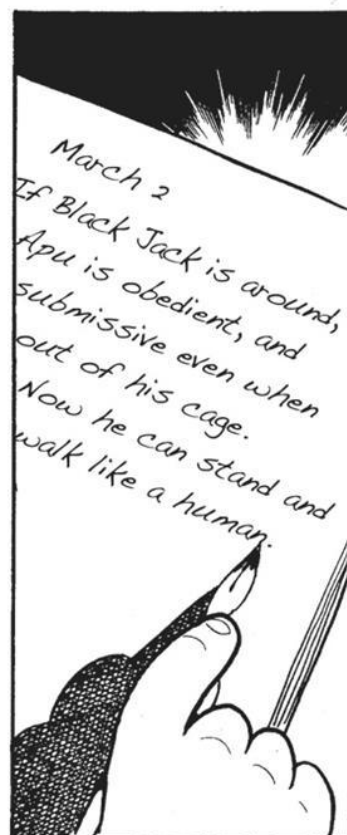
WE'RE
GOOD
TO GO.

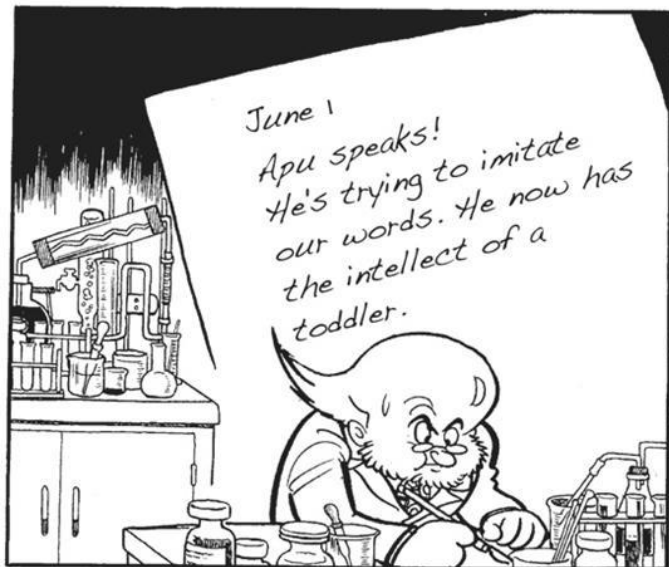


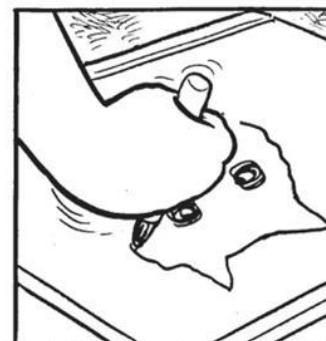
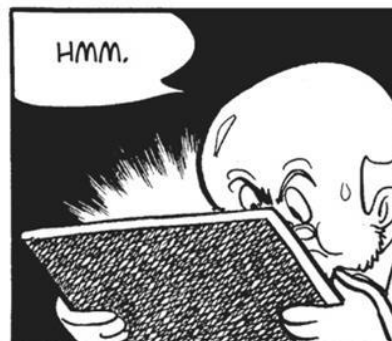


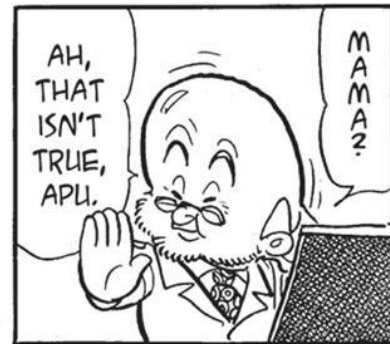
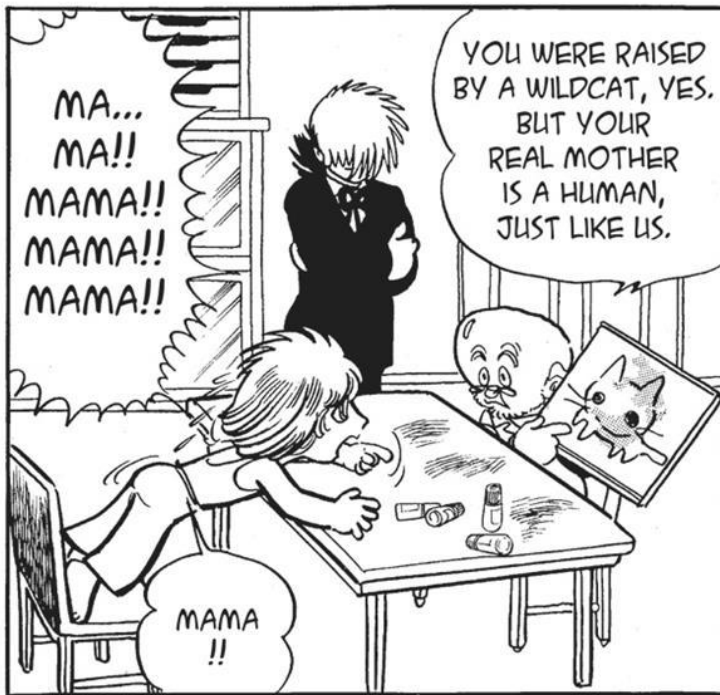


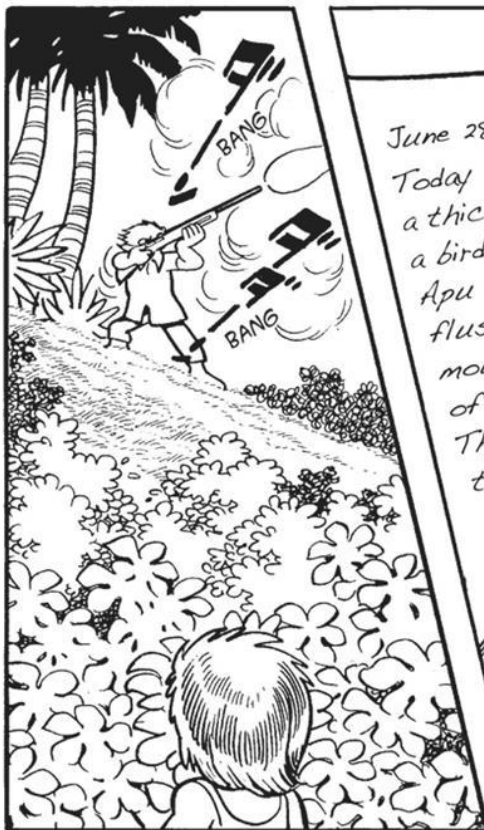




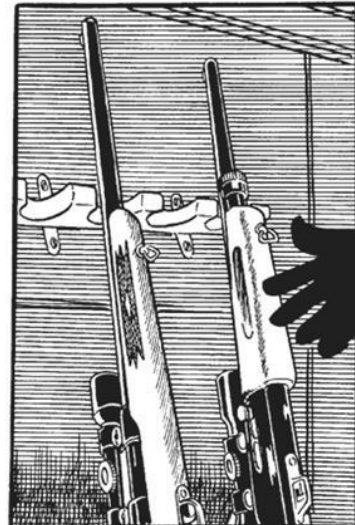
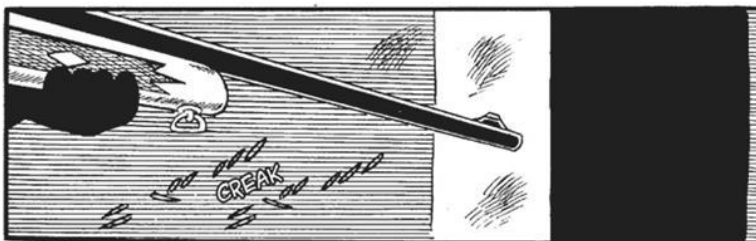


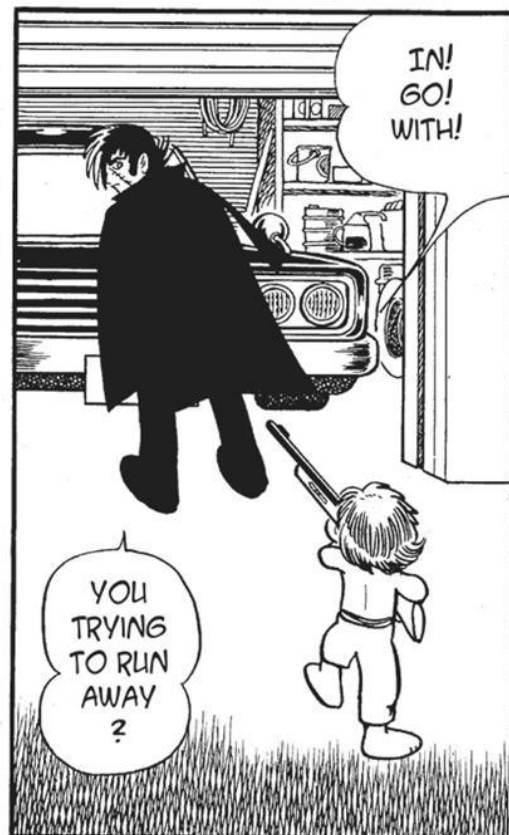
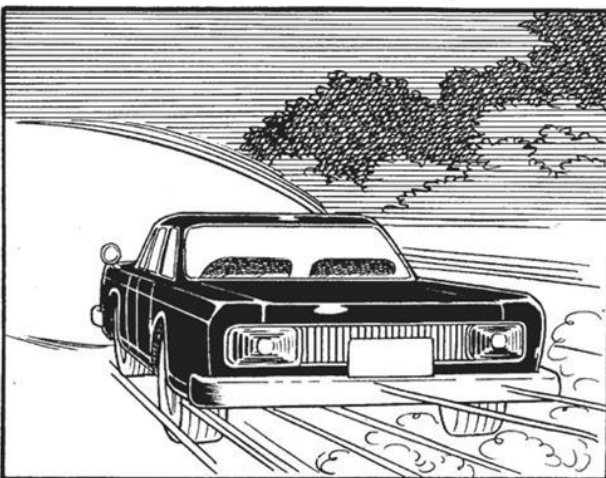
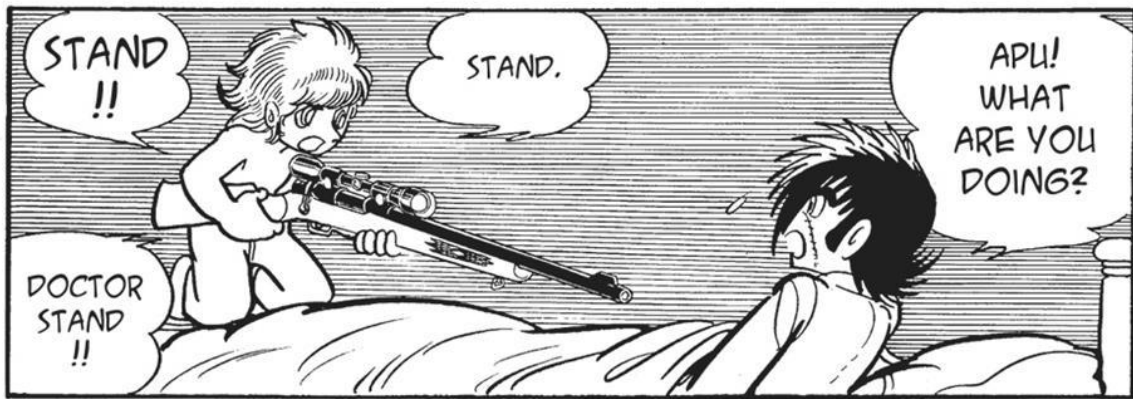


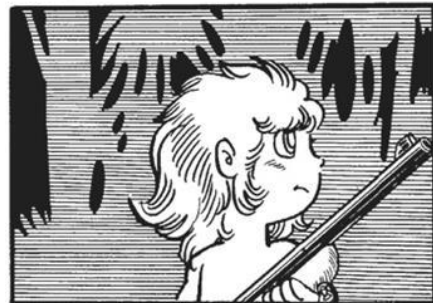
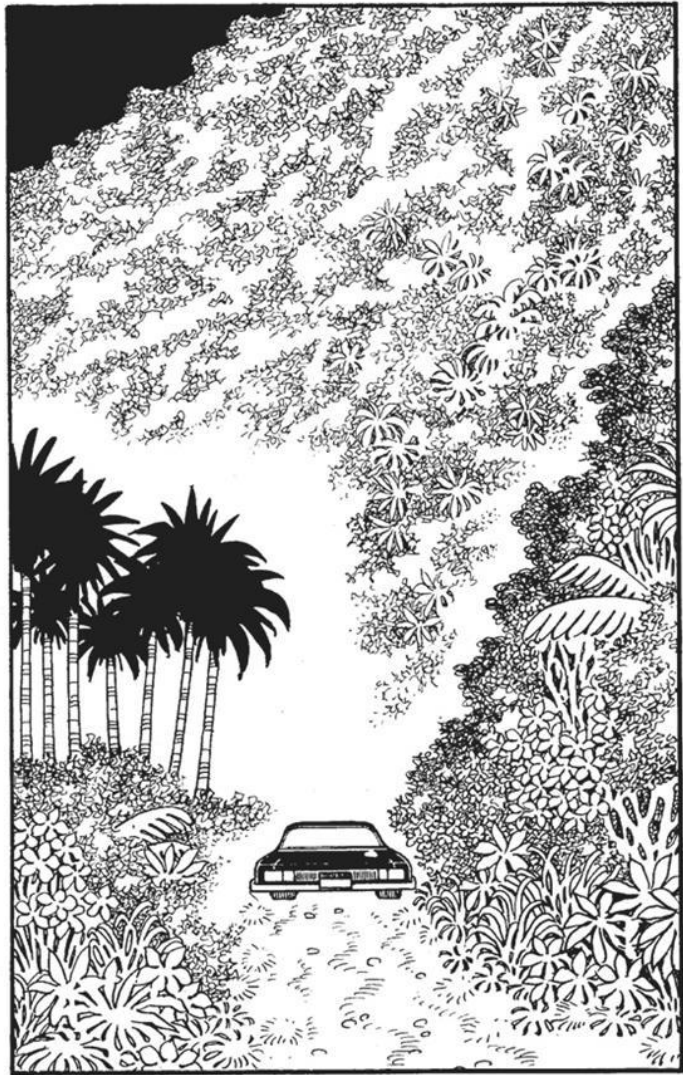


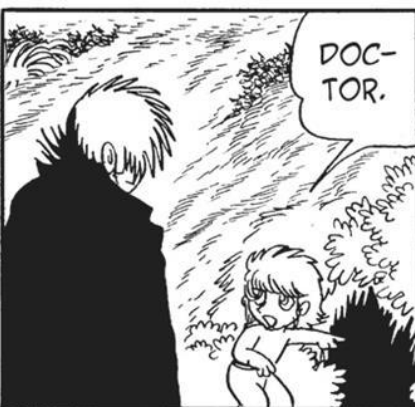
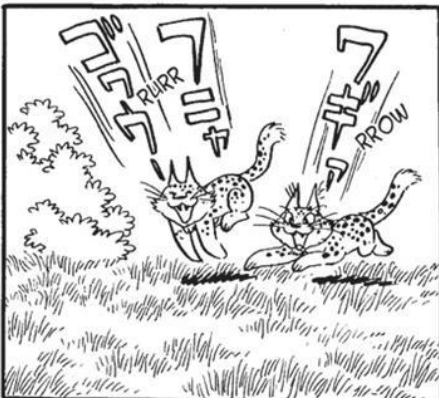


June 28
Today Apu watched from
a thicket as a man shot
a bird. This is not good.
Apu himself was
flushed out of the
mountains by the sound
of gunshots.
This must have been
traumatic.

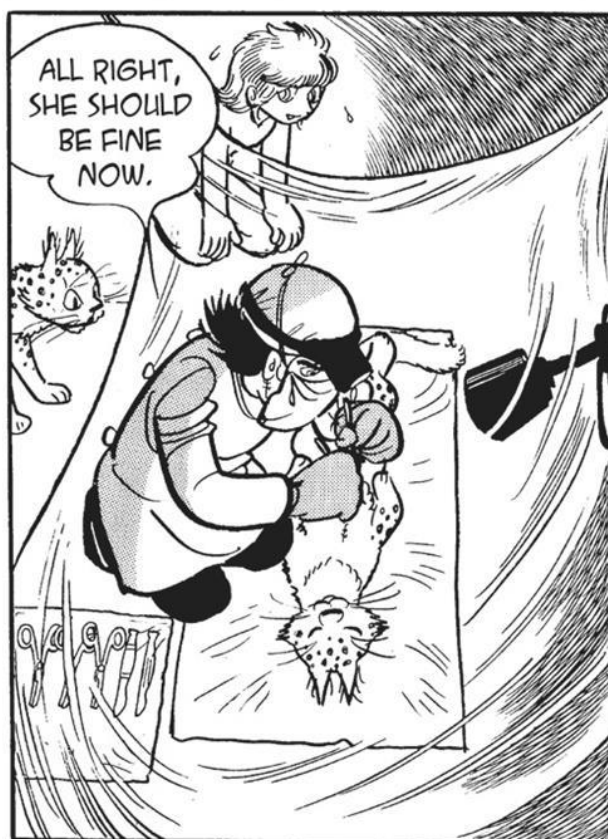
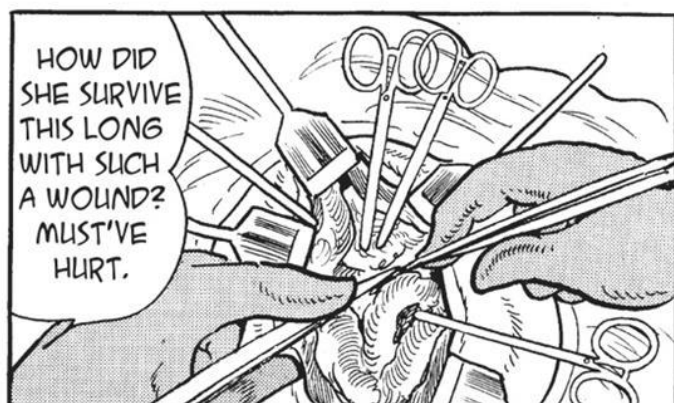
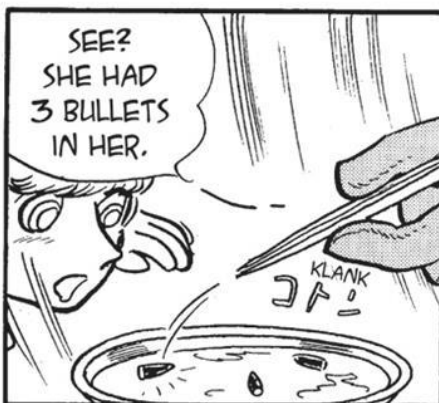


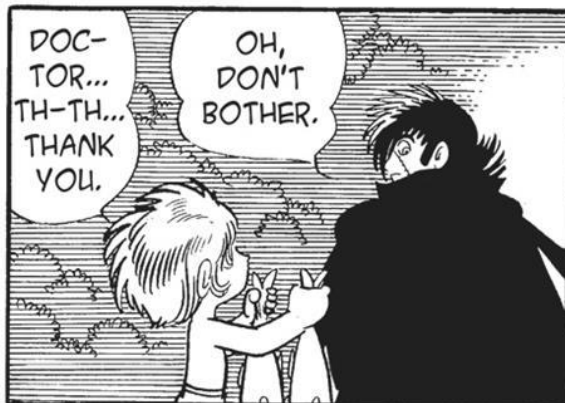




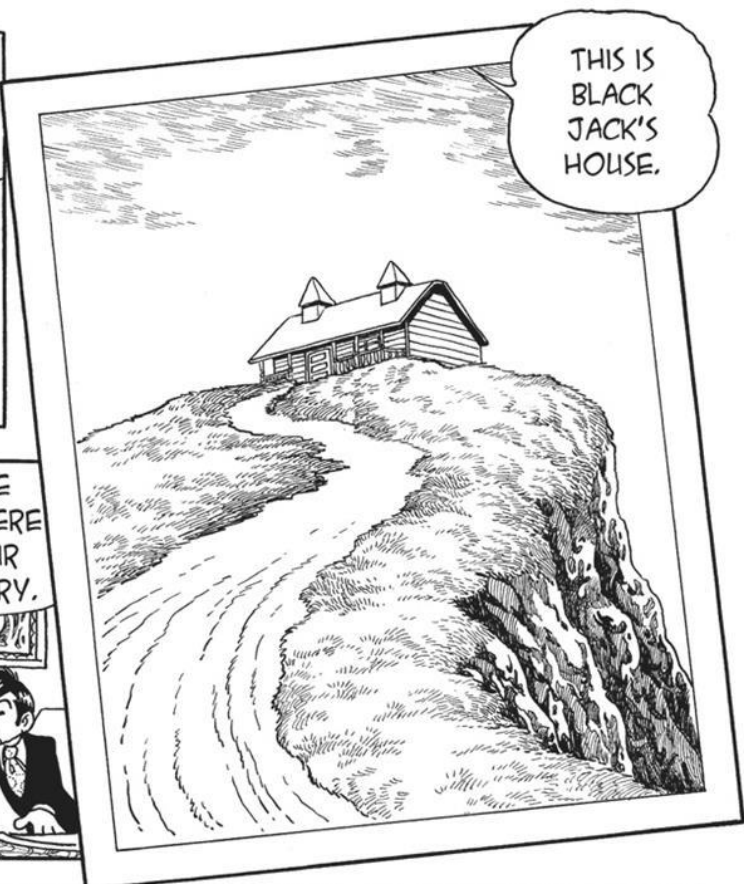


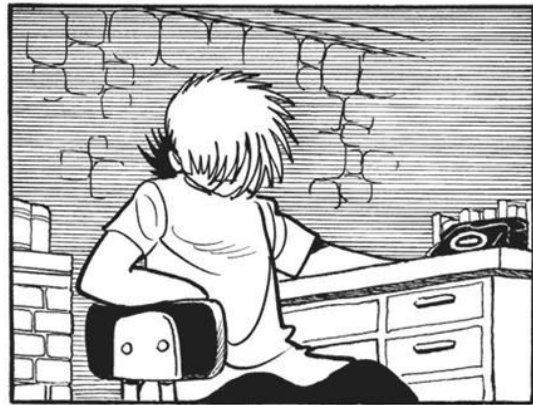
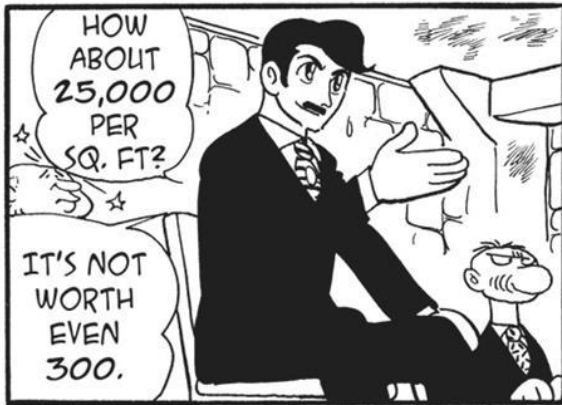


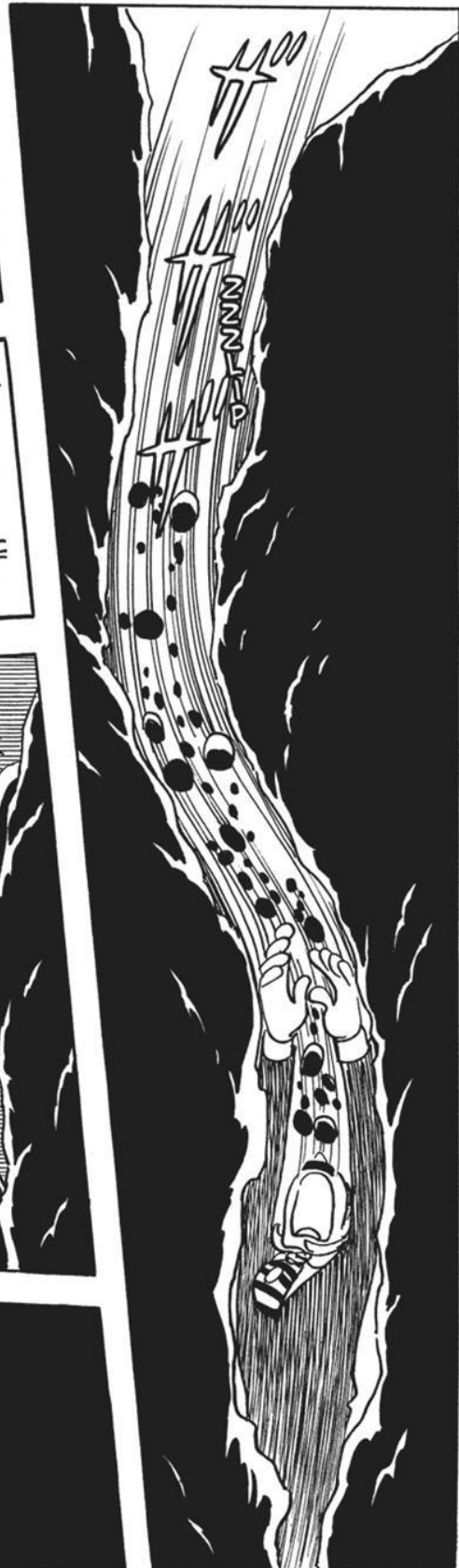
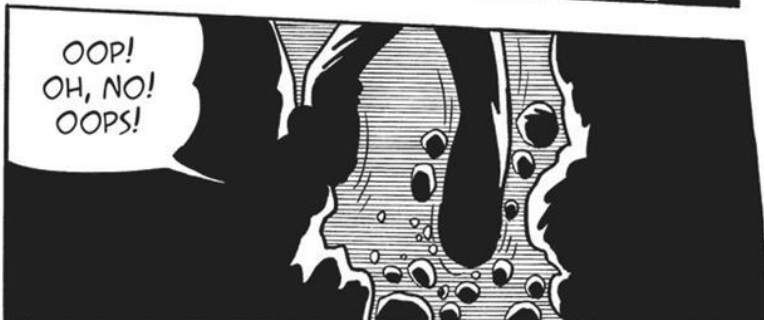
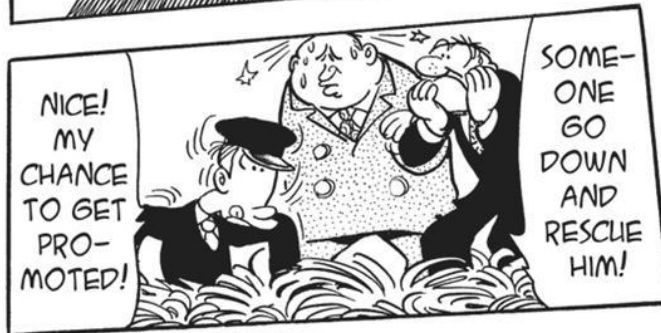


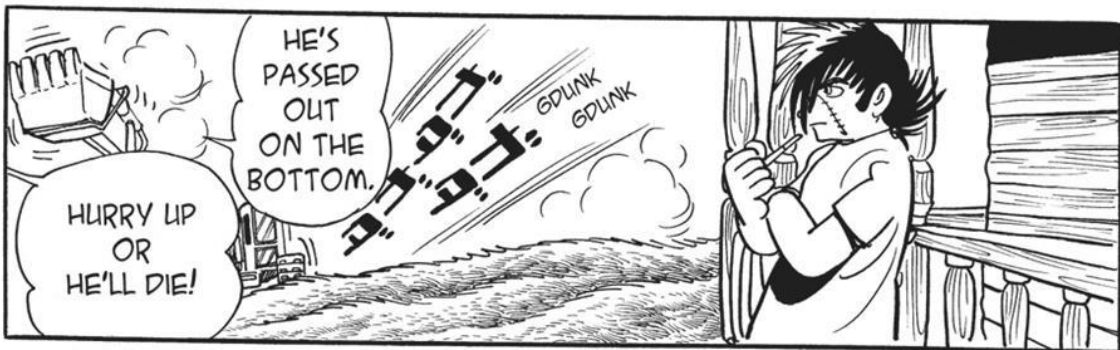


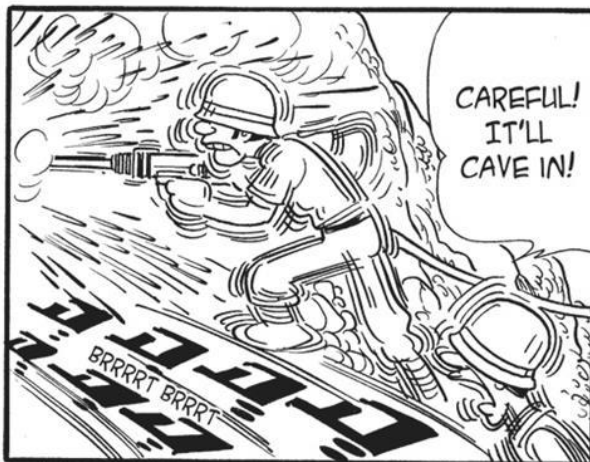
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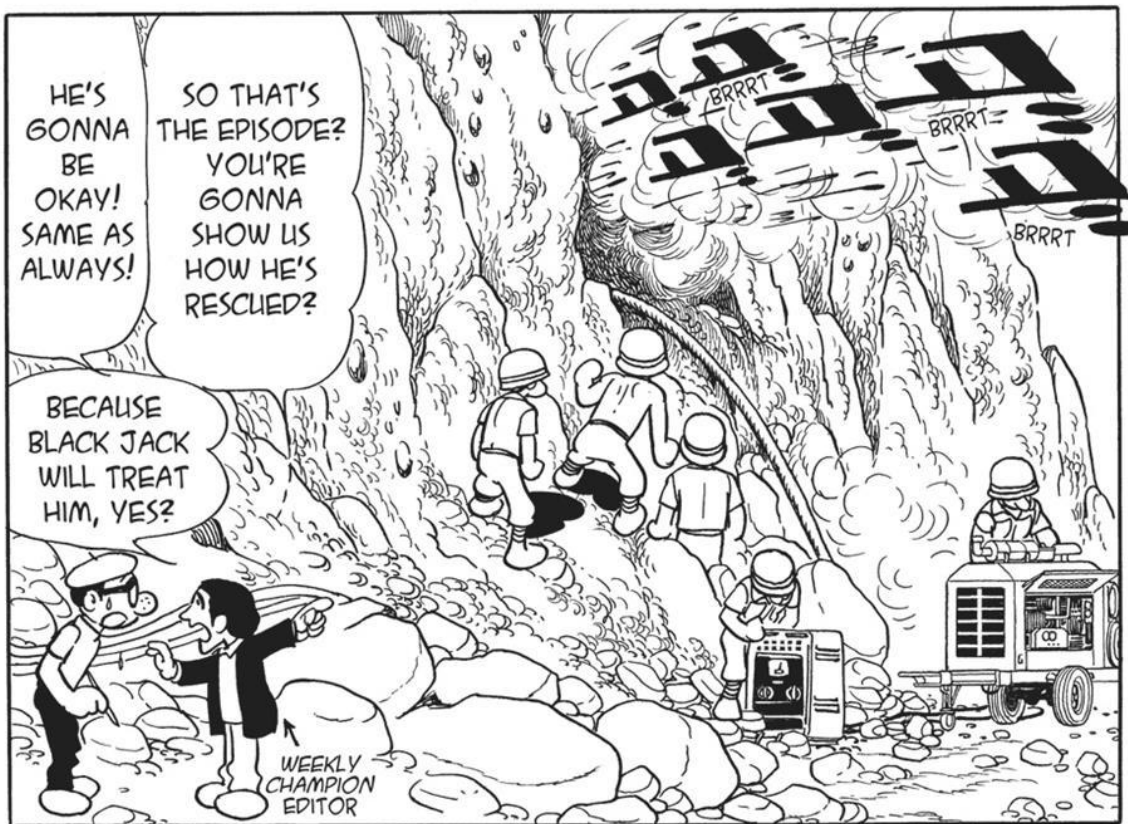
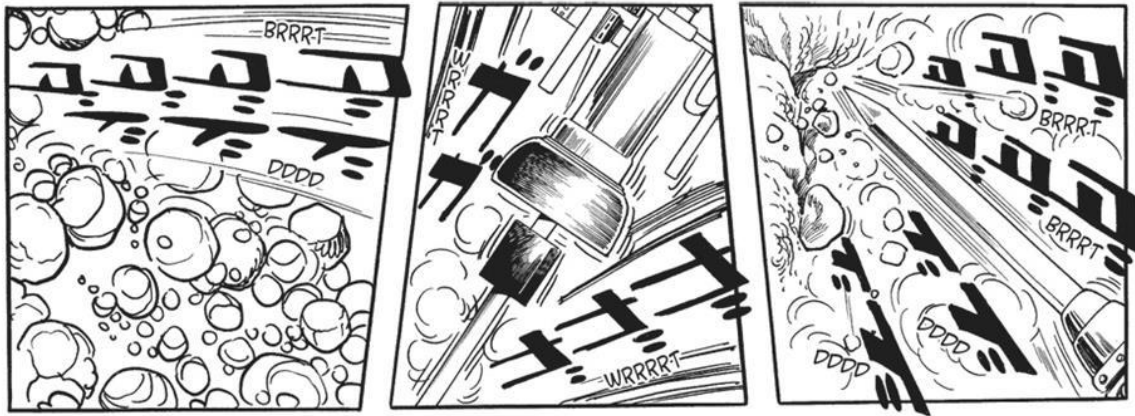


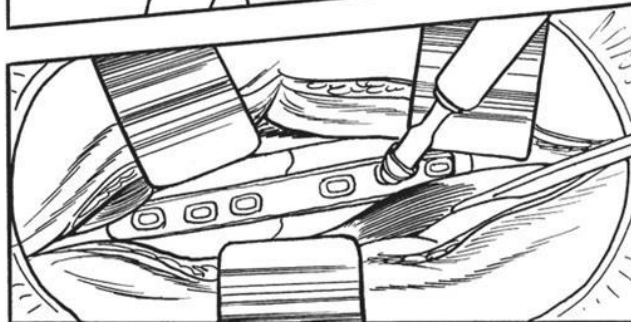
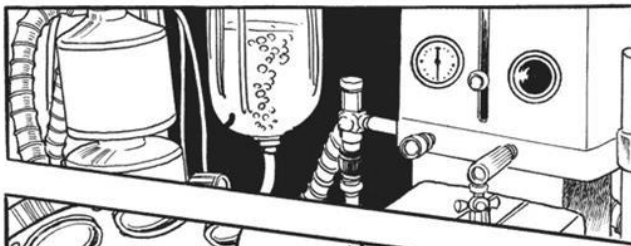
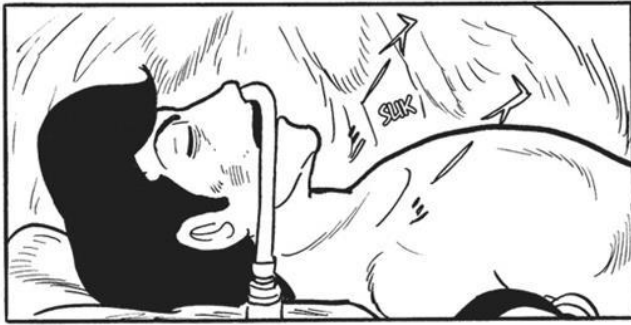






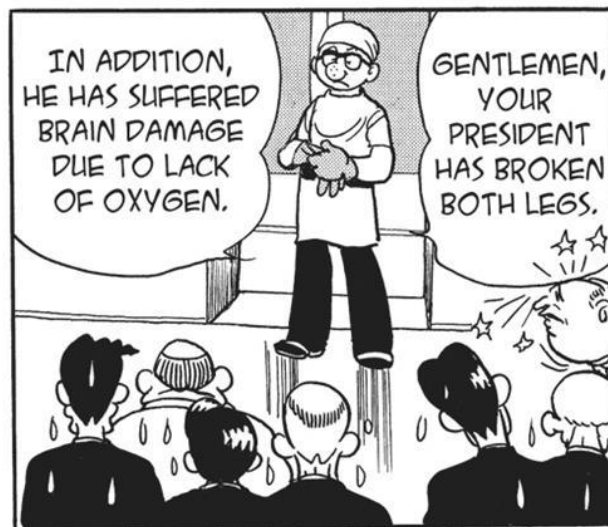






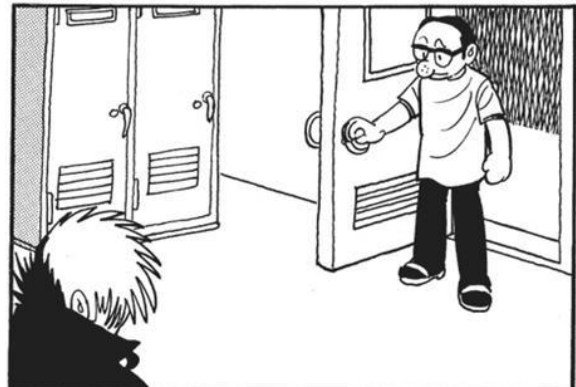
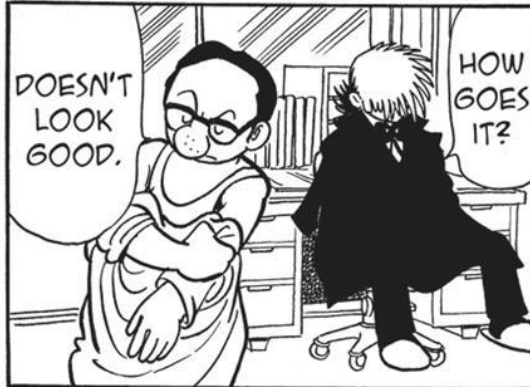
THAT
IS
TO
SAY

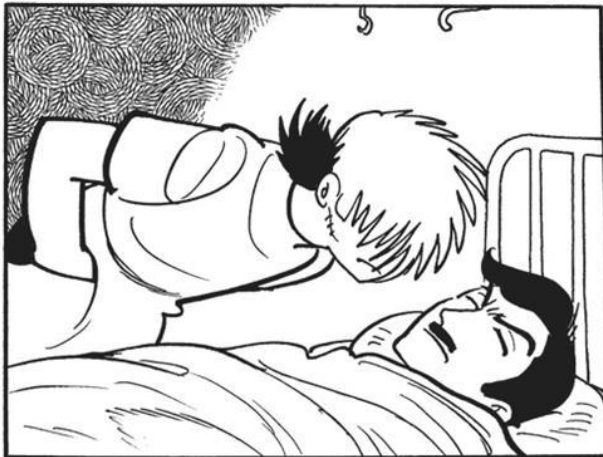
HE REMAINS
UNCONSCIOUS
AND MOSTLY
UNRESPONSIVE.

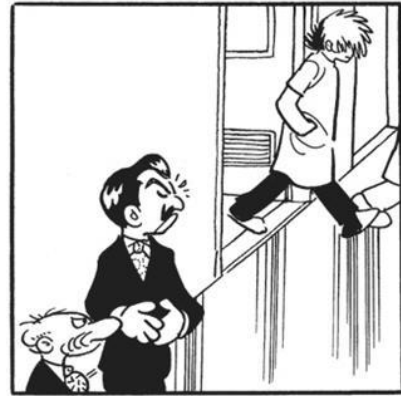
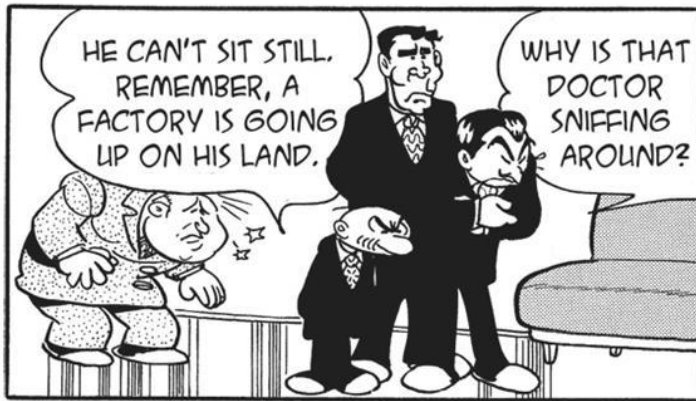


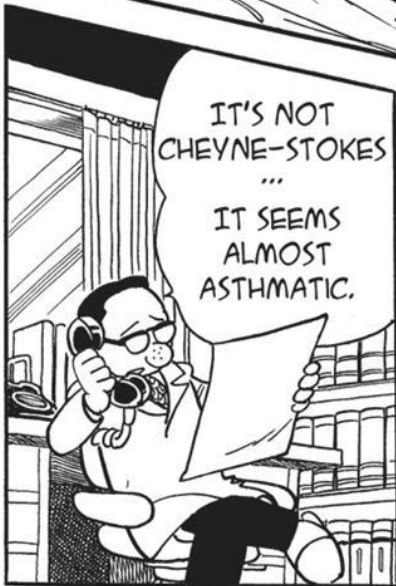
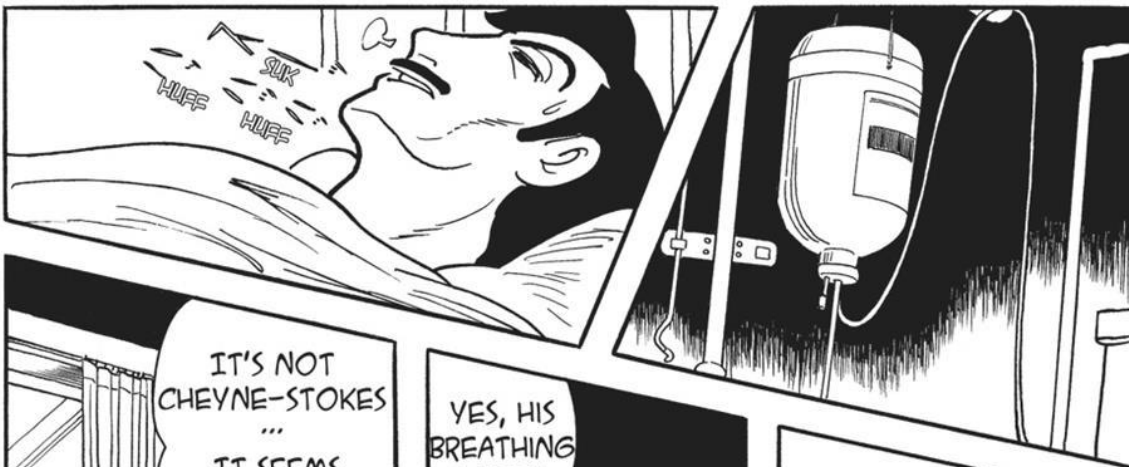
IN ADDITION,
HE HAS SUFFERED
BRAIN DAMAGE
DUE TO LACK
OF OXYGEN.

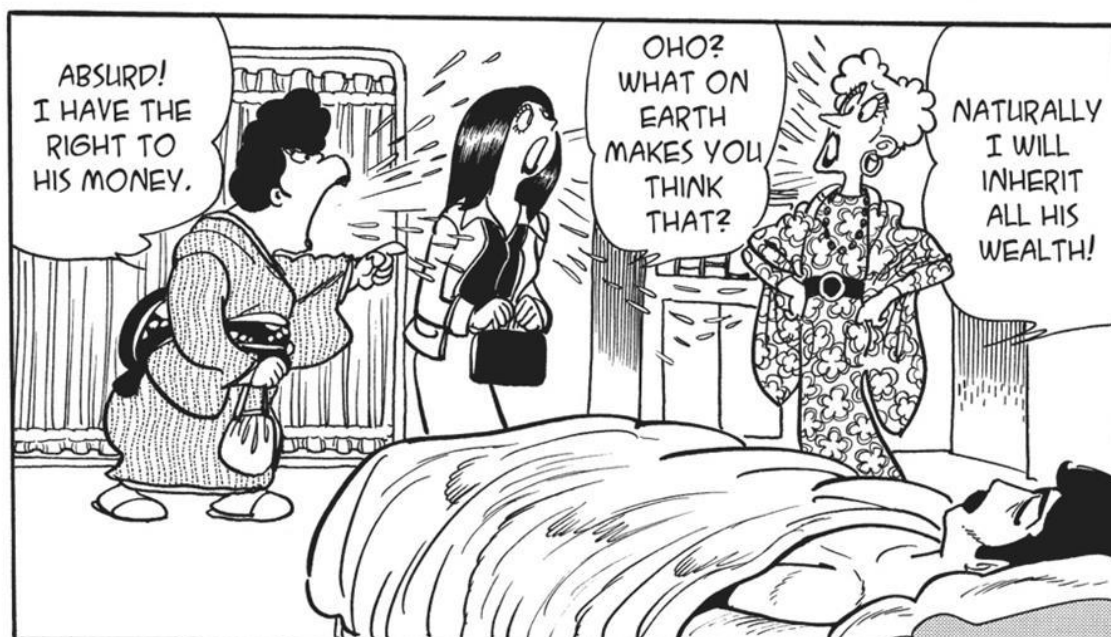
GENTLEMEN,
YOUR
PRESIDENT
HAS BROKEN
BOTH LEGS.

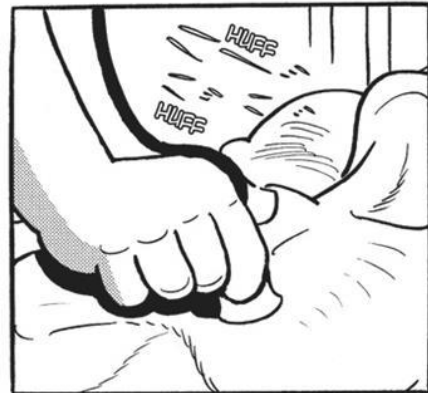
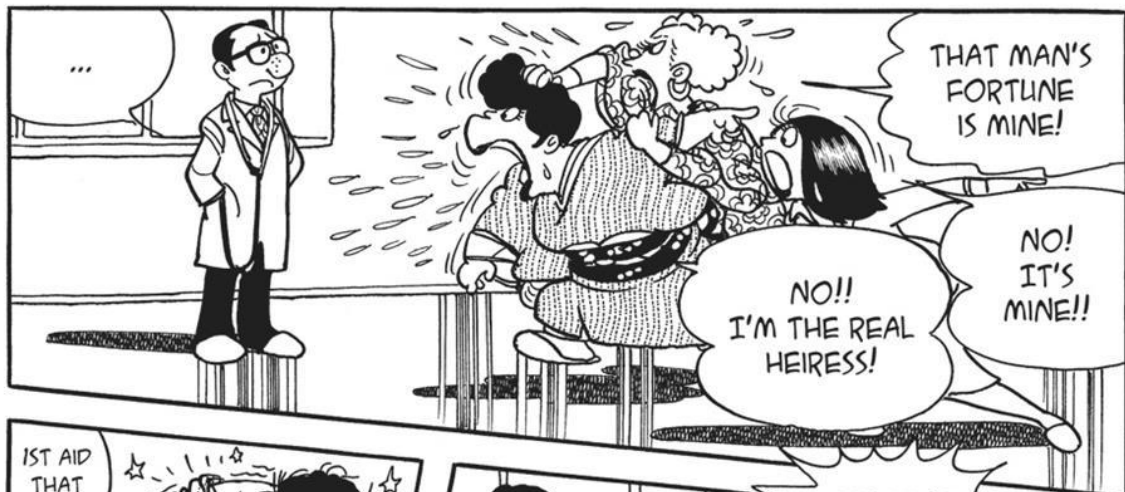


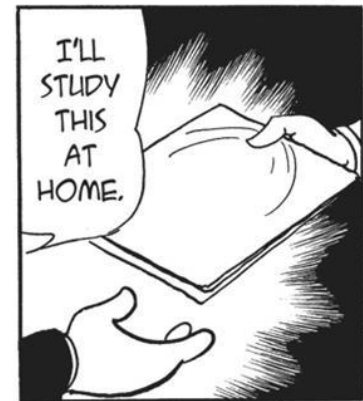
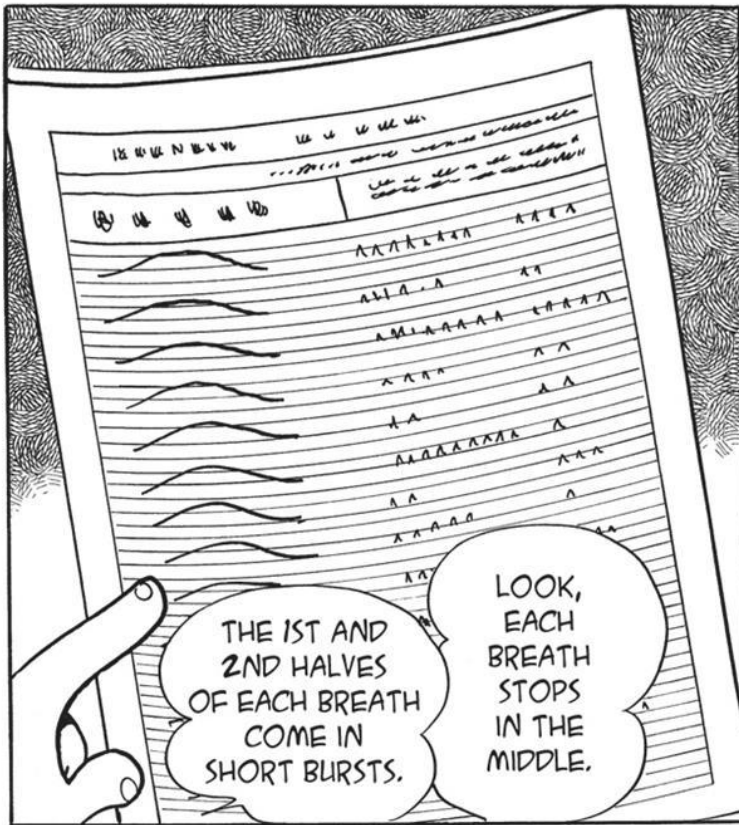


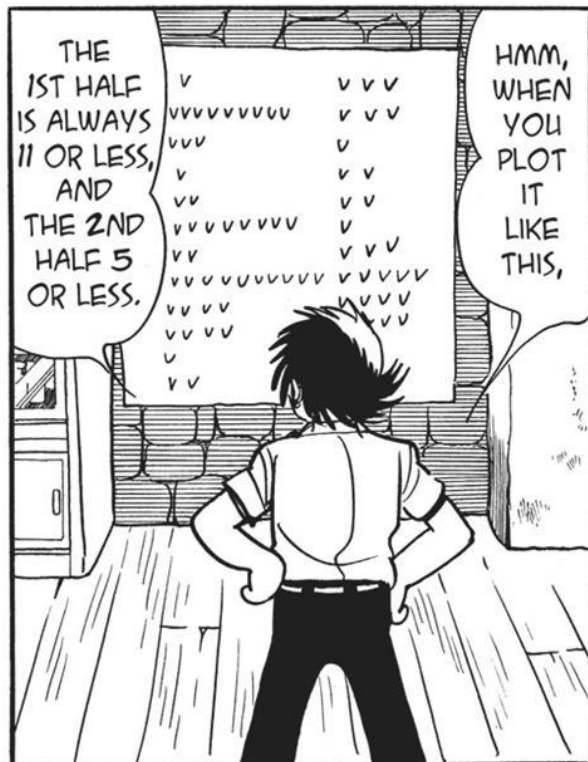


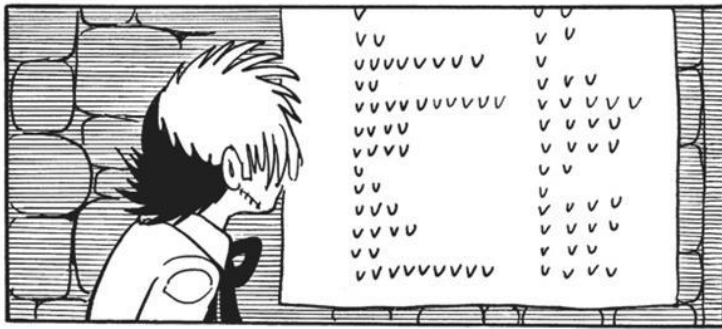


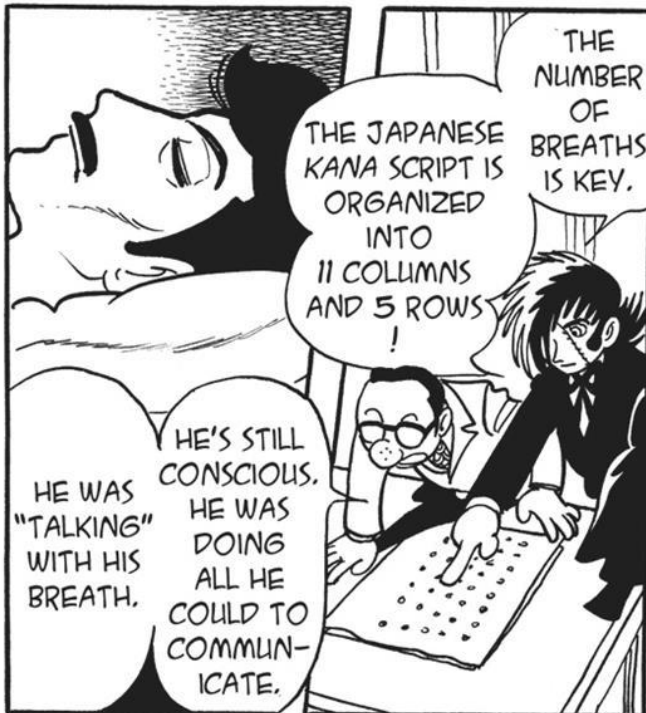
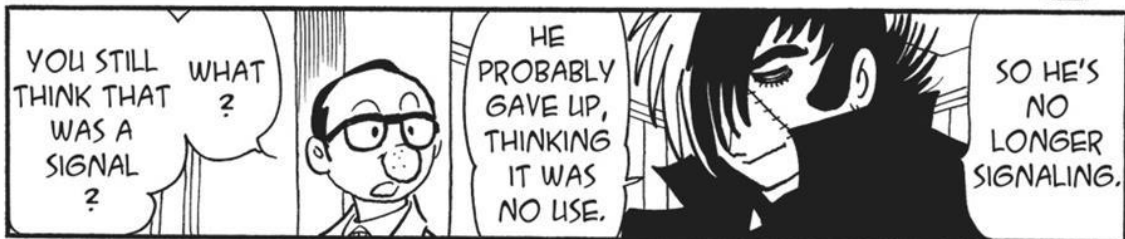
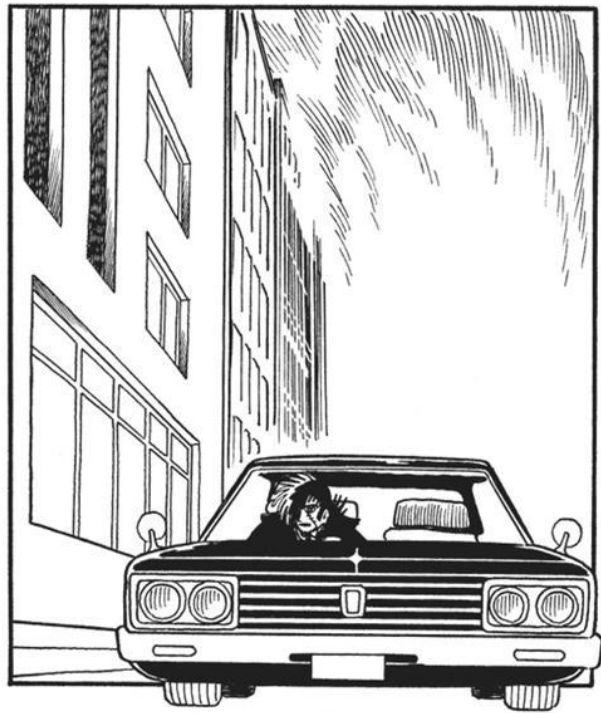












IF HE
BREATHES
7 TIMES,
RESTS, THEN
5 TIMES,
HE
MEANS
THE
7TH COLUMN,
5TH ROW,
OR "MO."

⑪ ⑩ ⑨ ⑧ ⑦ ⑥ ⑤ ④ ③ ② ①
ンワラヤマハナタサカア ①
リ ミヒニチシキイ ②
ルユムフヌツスクウ ③
レ メヘネテセケエ ④
ヲロヨモホノトソコオ ⑤

I DON'T
BELIEVE
THIS!
IT'S
SOME
SCI-FI
TALE
!

NO.
NO
WAY!

LIKE
MANGA!
LIKE
GEKIGA!

SO I
APPLIED
THE KEY.

Noisy
Make them
leave

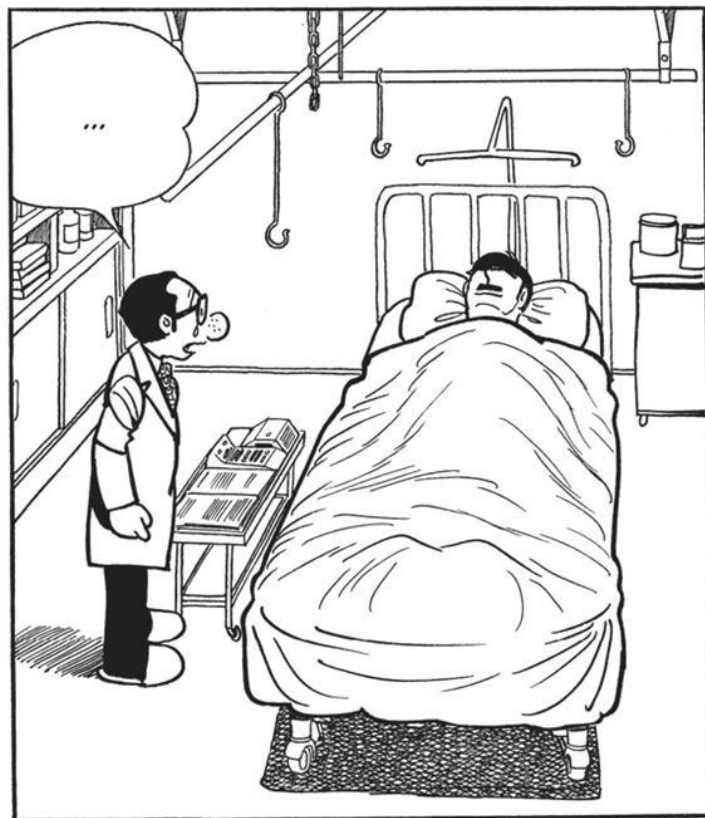
HE HEARD
EVERYTHING
THE GUESTS
SAID?

BUT IF
HE WAS
CONSCIOUS
THE WHOLE
TIME...

IF
YOU CAN,
PLEASE
ANSWER.

HEY, BOSS?
CAN YOU
HEAR
ME?

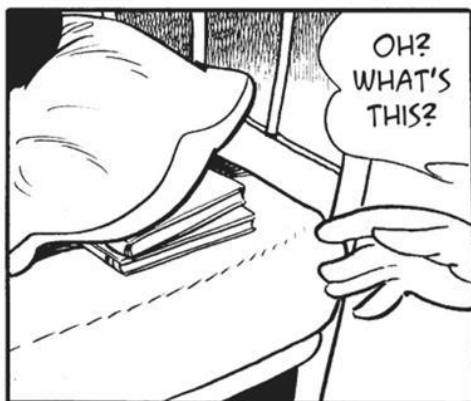
LET'S
FIND
OUT.



INVADER



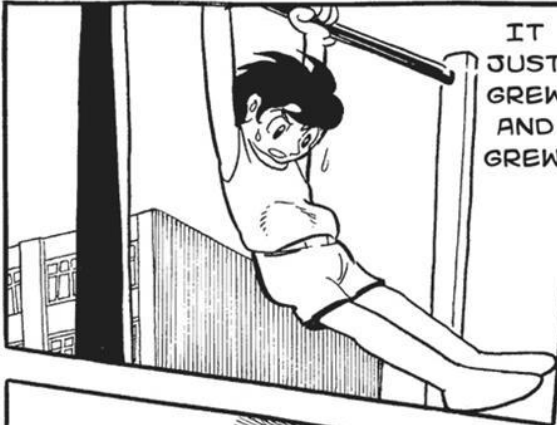




ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO, A LUMP SHOWED UP ON MY BELLY.



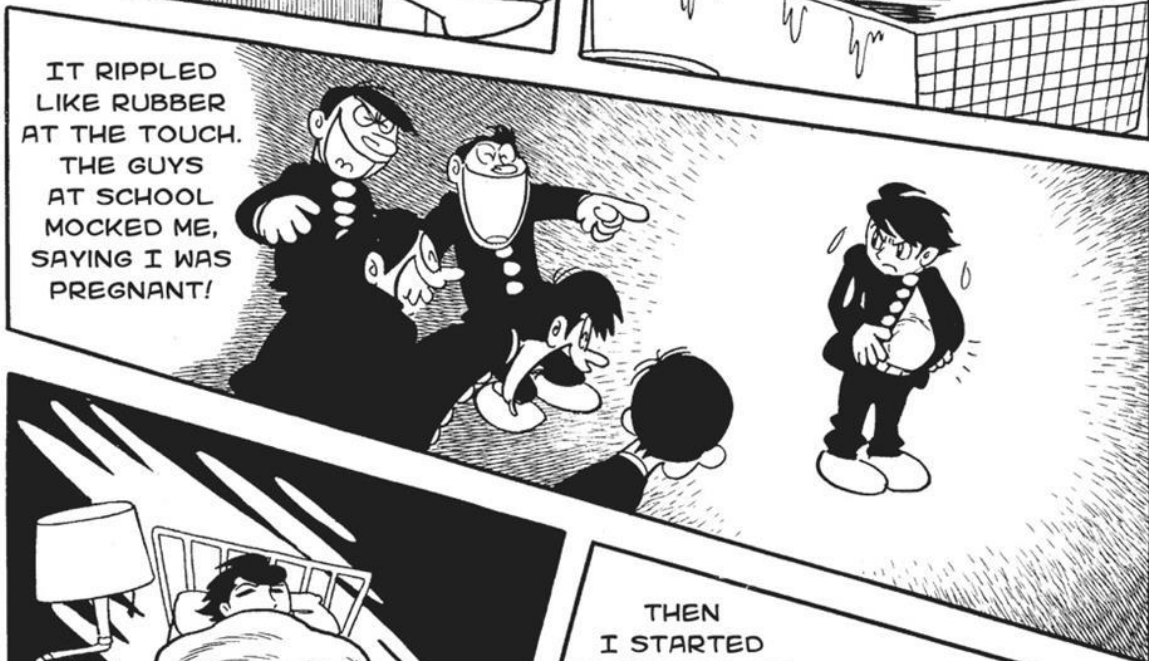
IT JUST GREW AND GREW.



IT WAS AN ODD SWELLING, JUST ON ONE SIDE.



IT RIPPLED LIKE RUBBER AT THE TOUCH. THE GUYS AT SCHOOL MOCKED ME, SAYING I WAS PREGNANT!



I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE.

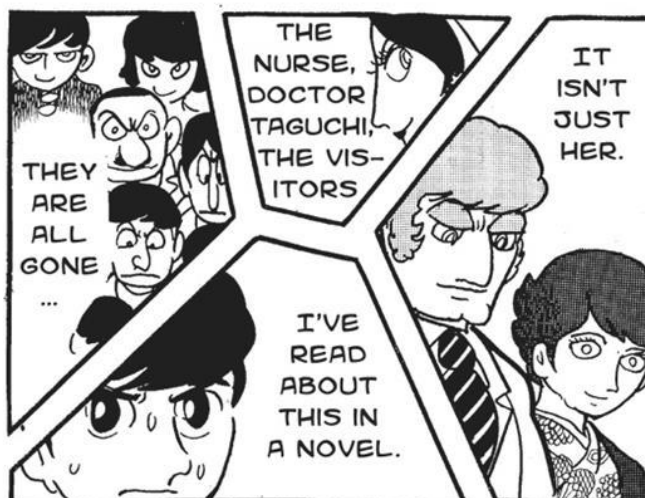
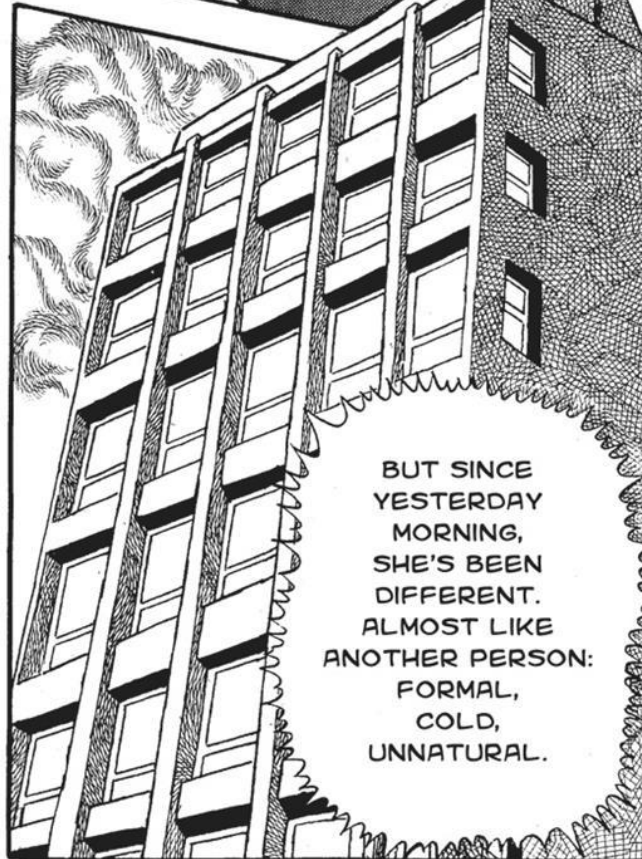


THEN I STARTED PEEING RED, SO MOM BROUGHT ME TO THE HOSPITAL.



THERE HAD ALWAYS BEEN A SPECIAL BOND BETWEEN US.

MOM... SHE WAS PRETTY, WARM, GENTLE ...





THIS HOSPITAL...
THIS TOWN—
NO, IN FACT THE
WHOLE OF TOKYO—
MAY ALREADY
BE OVERRUN WITH
ALIENS
...

IN ORDER TO
STAY UNDER
THE RADAR,
THEY KILL
ONE PERSON
AT A TIME,
THEN TAKE
THEIR PLACE.



IF YOU
MOVE
AROUND,
YOUR
ILLNESS WILL
WORSEN.

YOU
CAN'T
LEAVE
THIS
ROOM.

WHY
NOT
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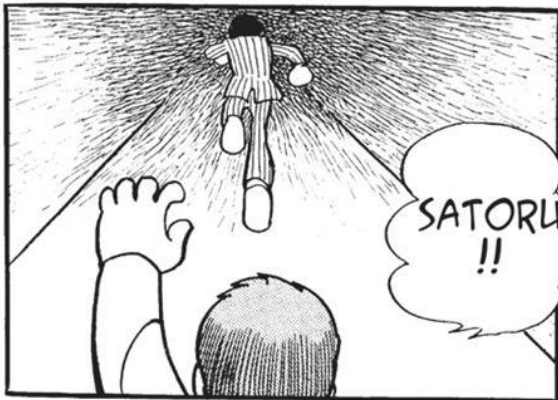
DOCTOR,
I WANT TO
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IN THE
HALL.

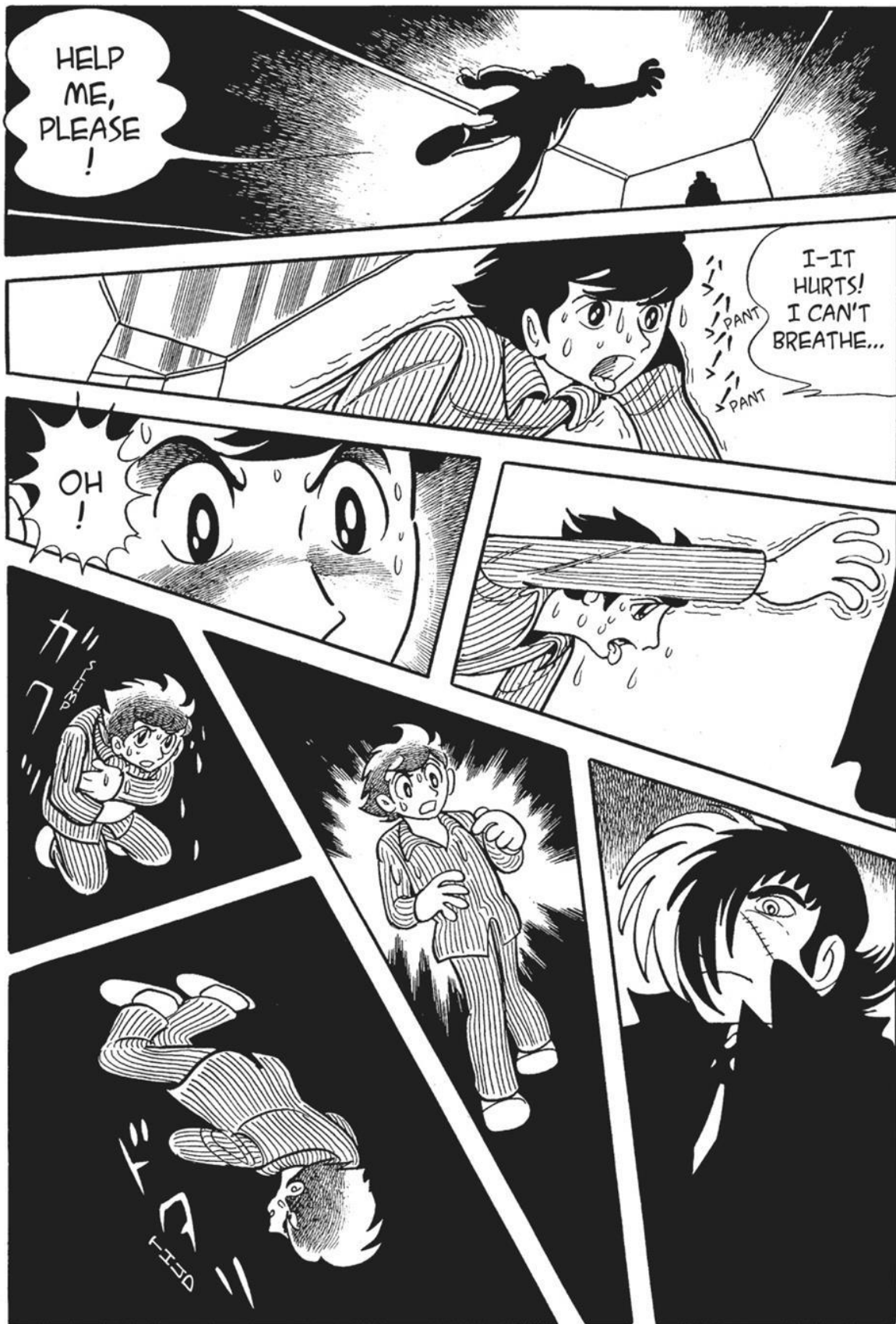
SORRY,
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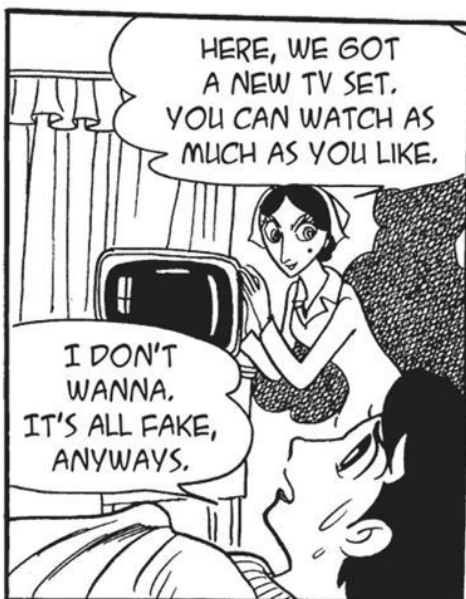


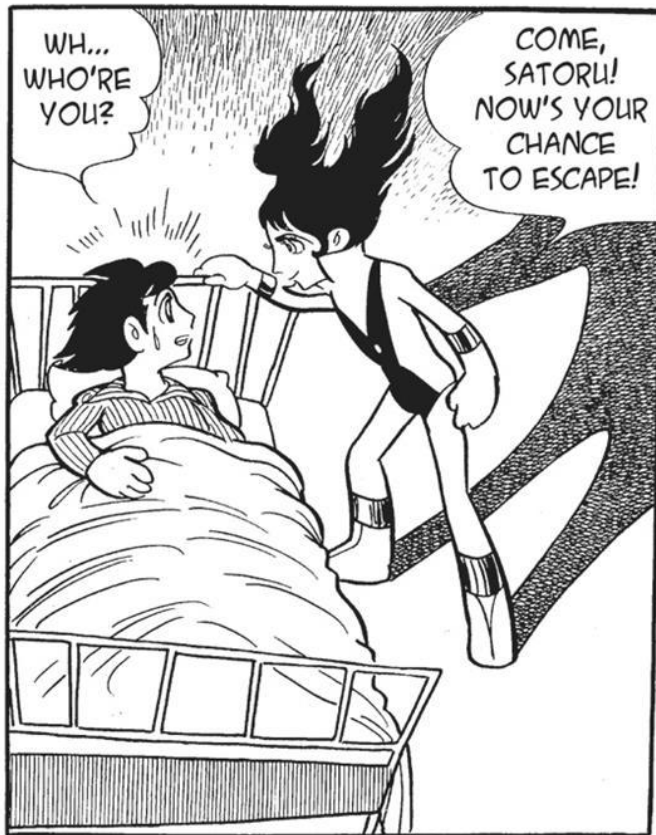
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FOOL
ME.

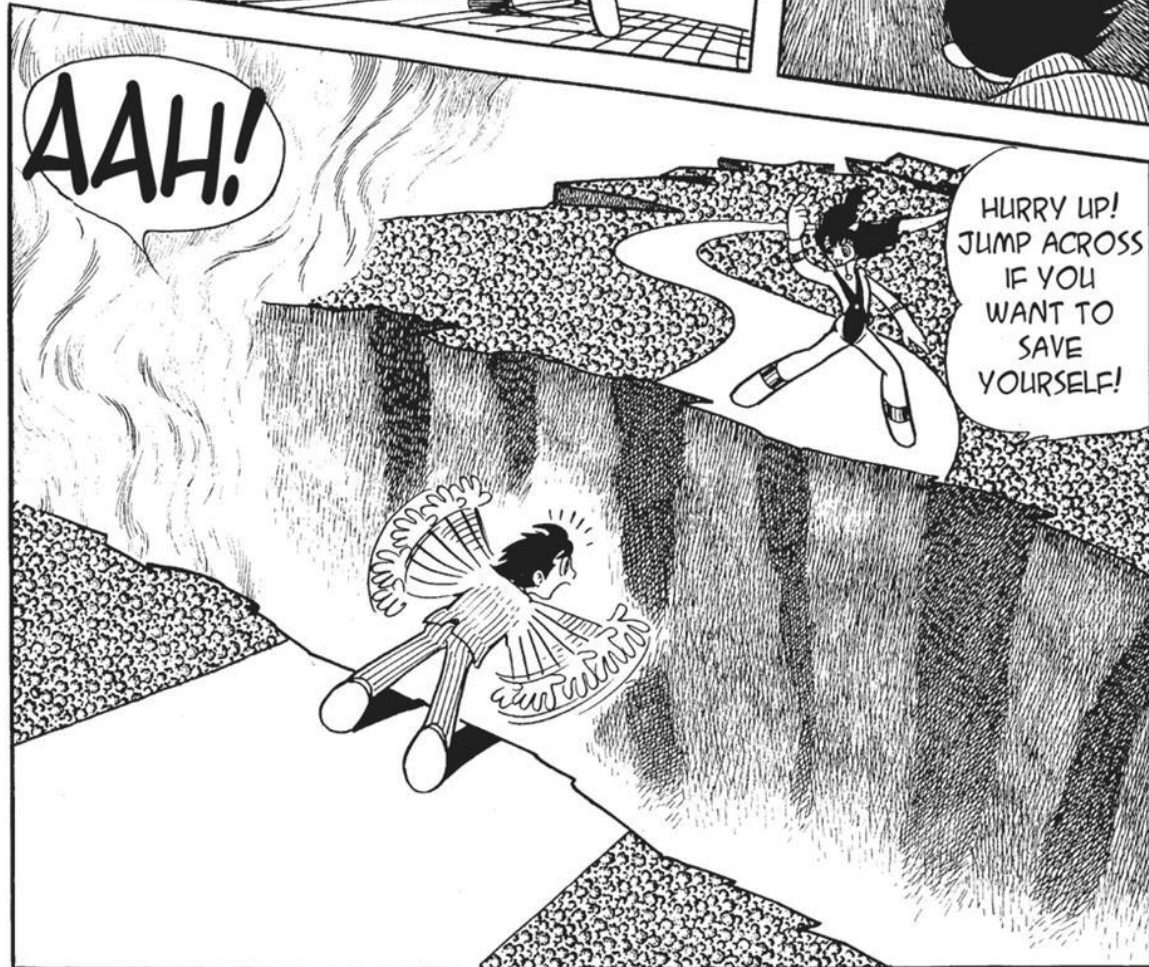




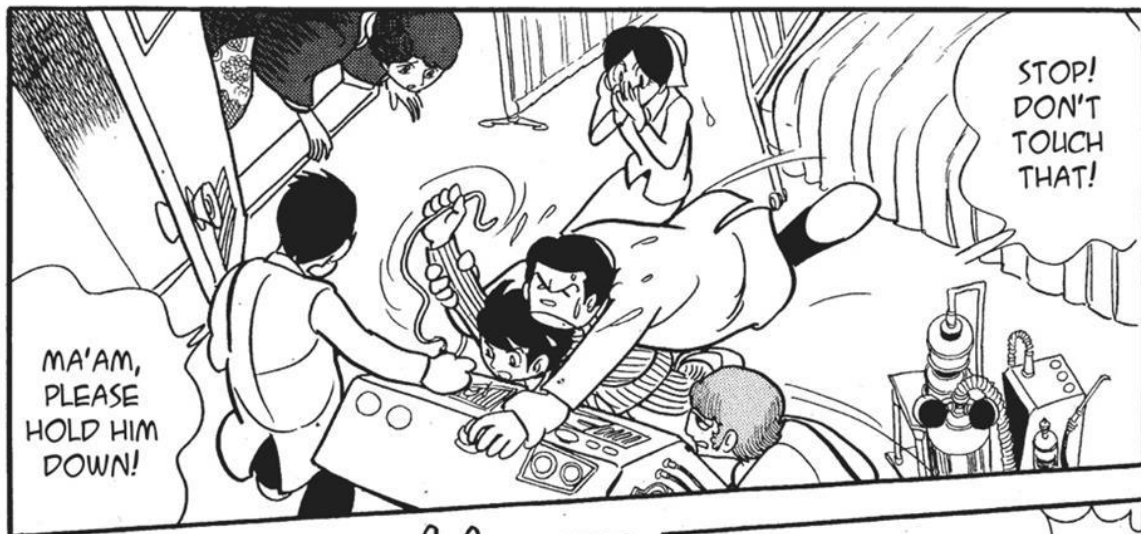


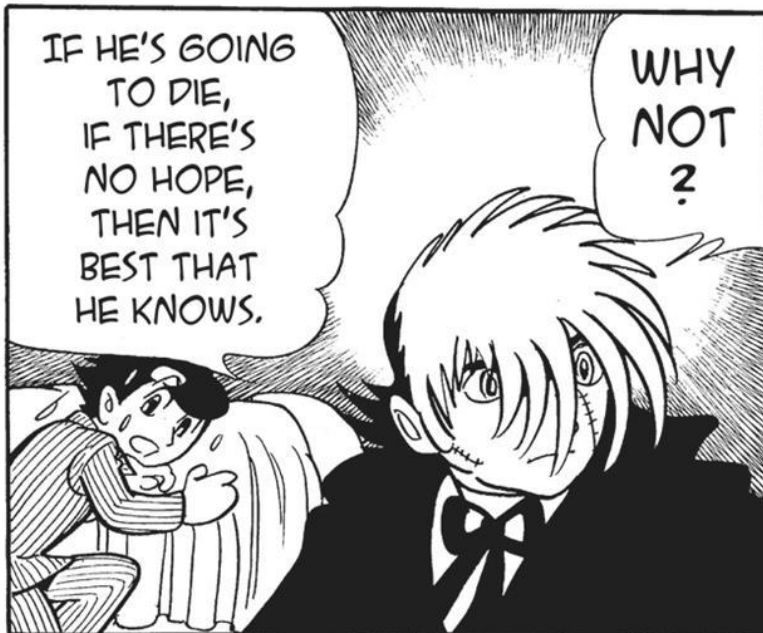


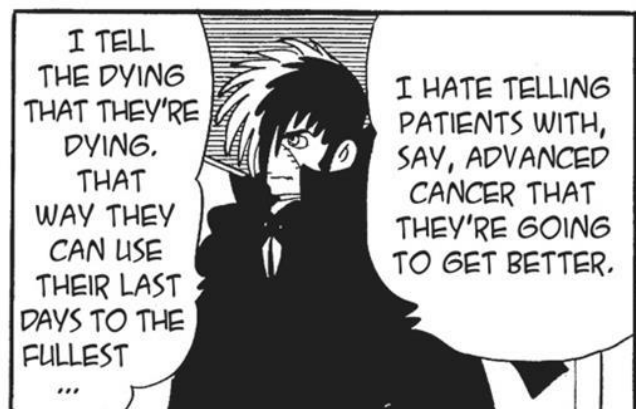
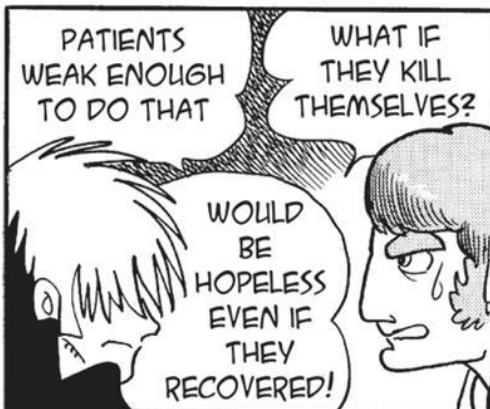


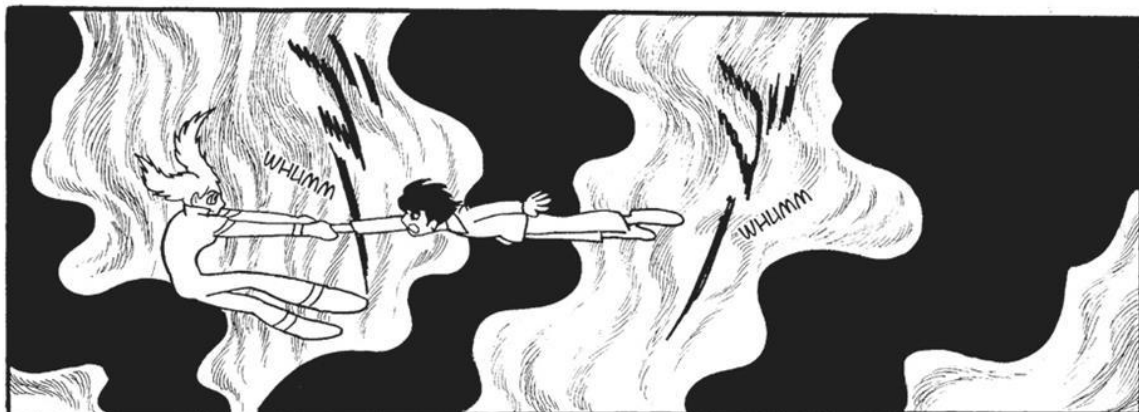
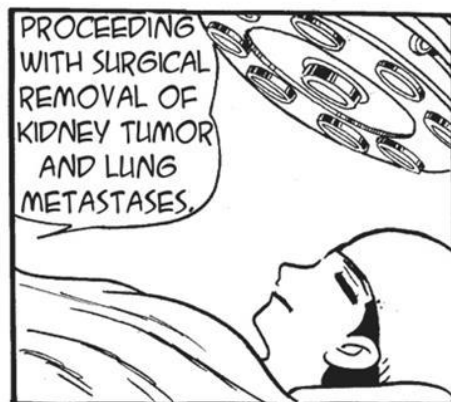


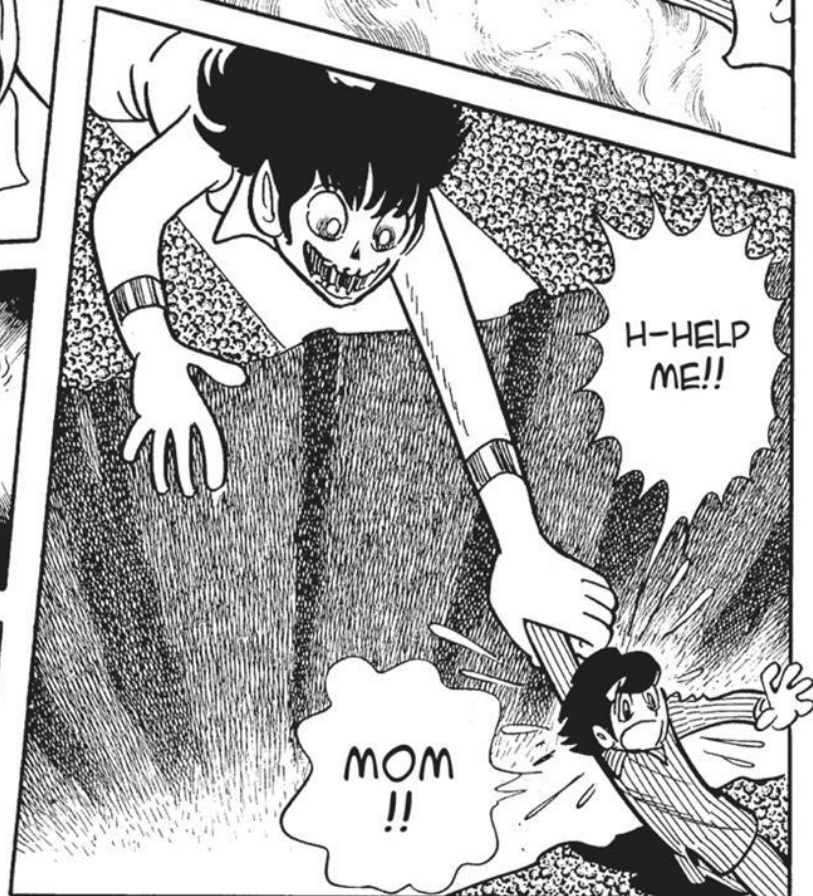
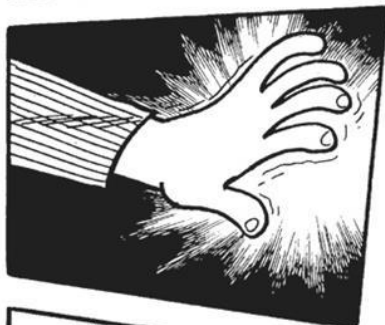
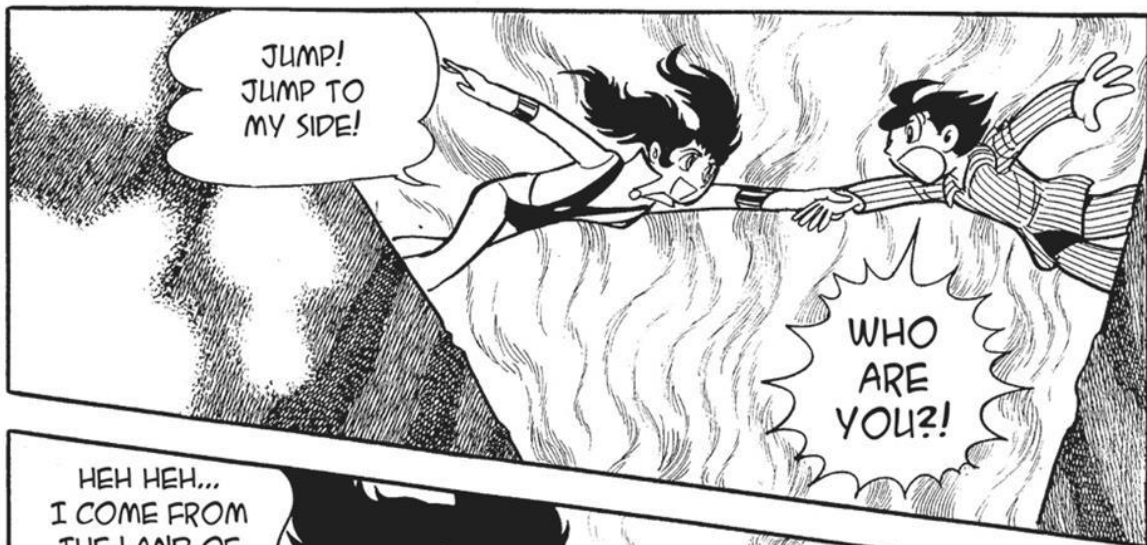


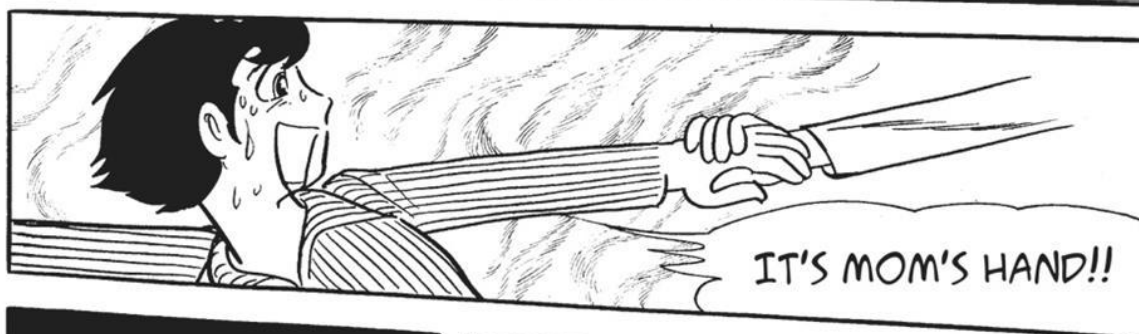




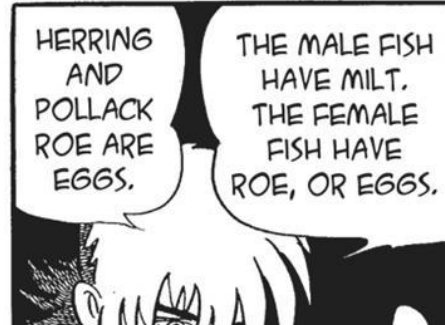
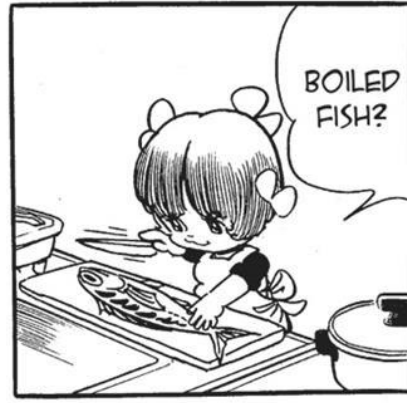


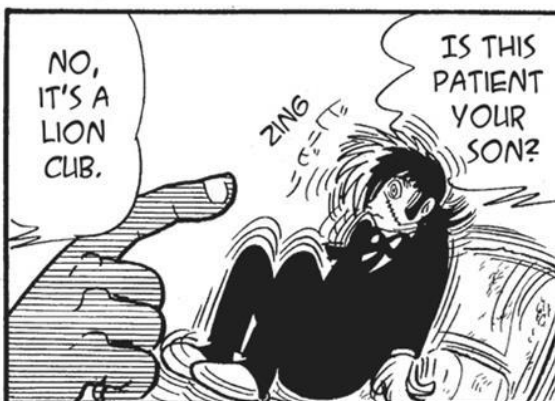


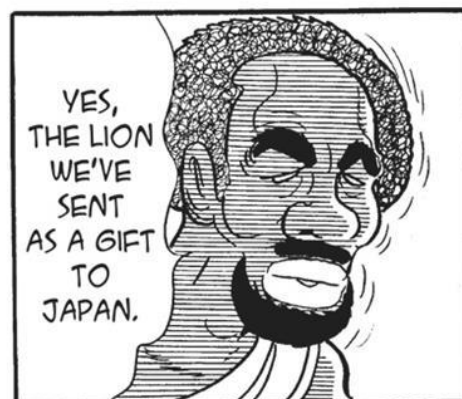
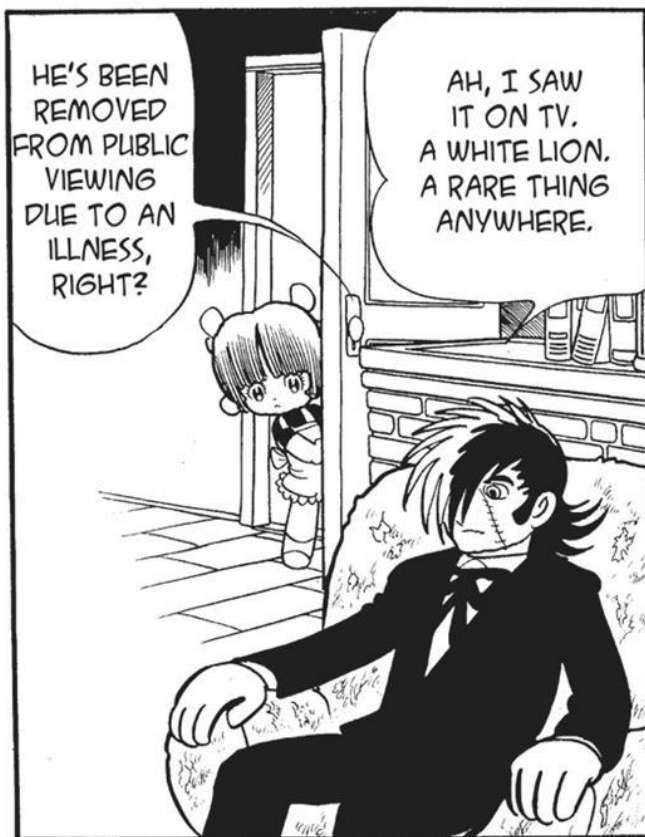


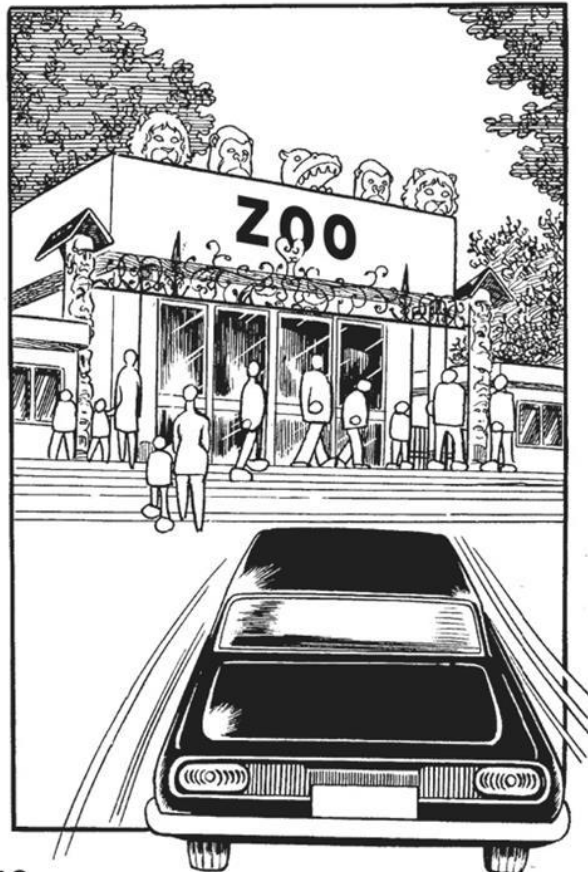
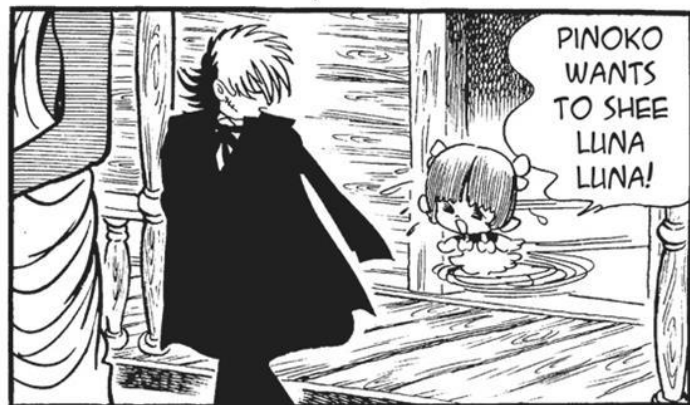


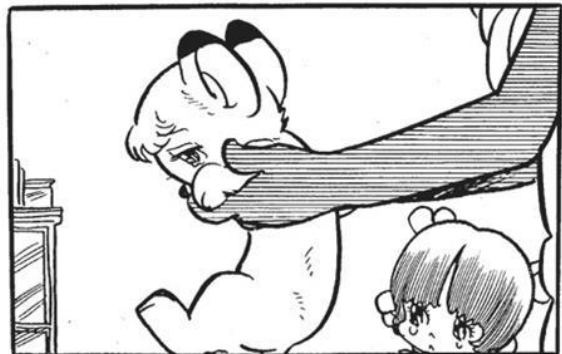
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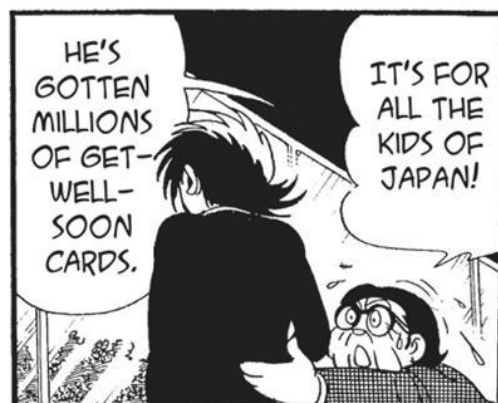
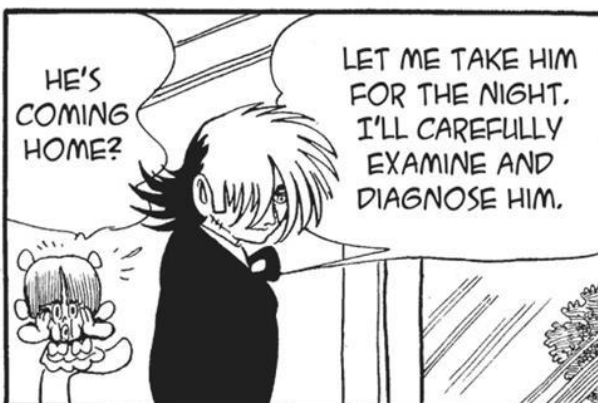
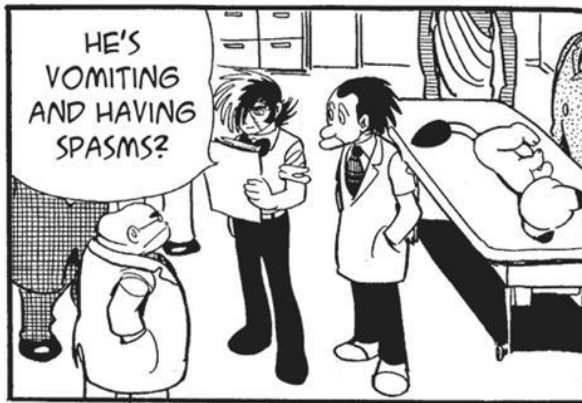


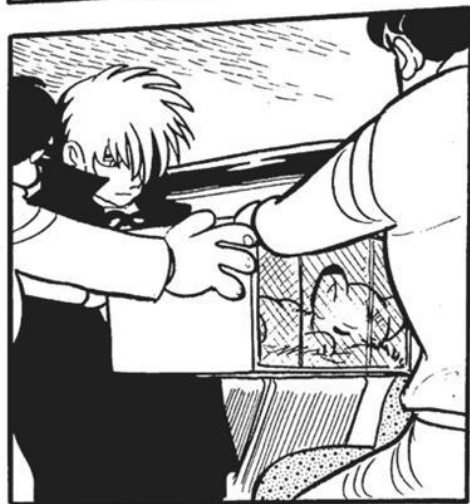
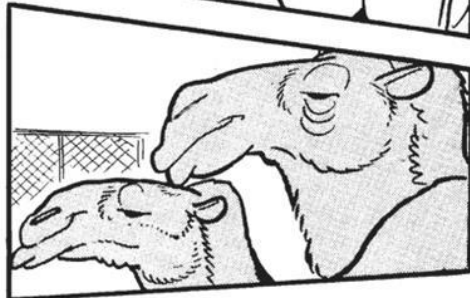


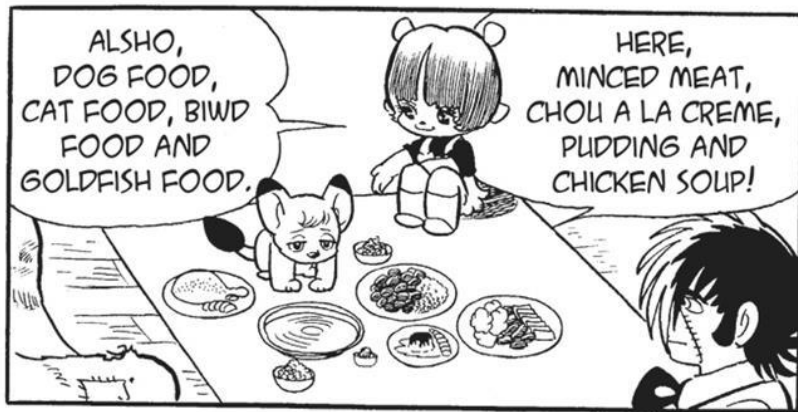


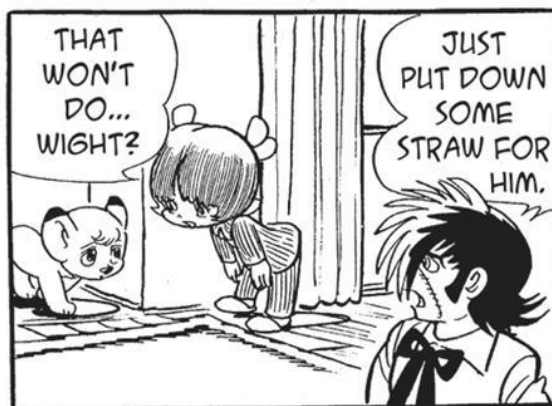
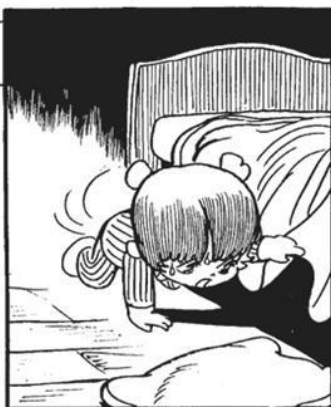


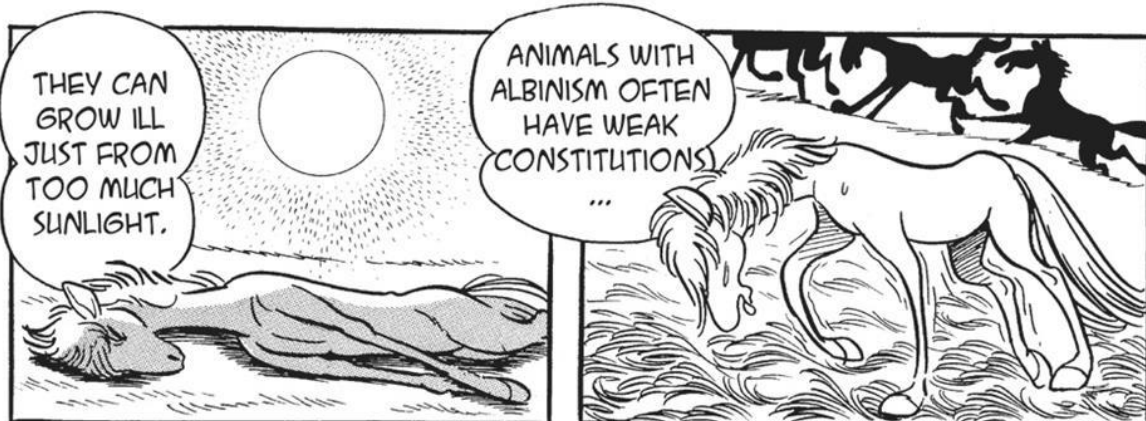
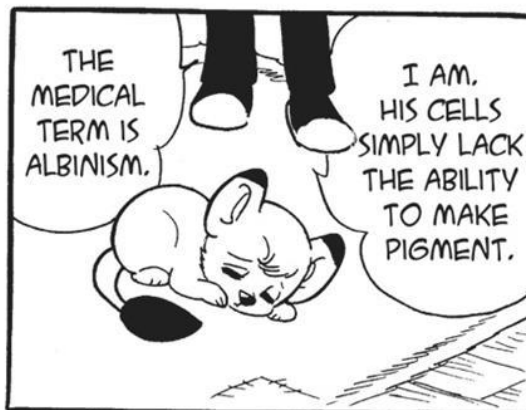
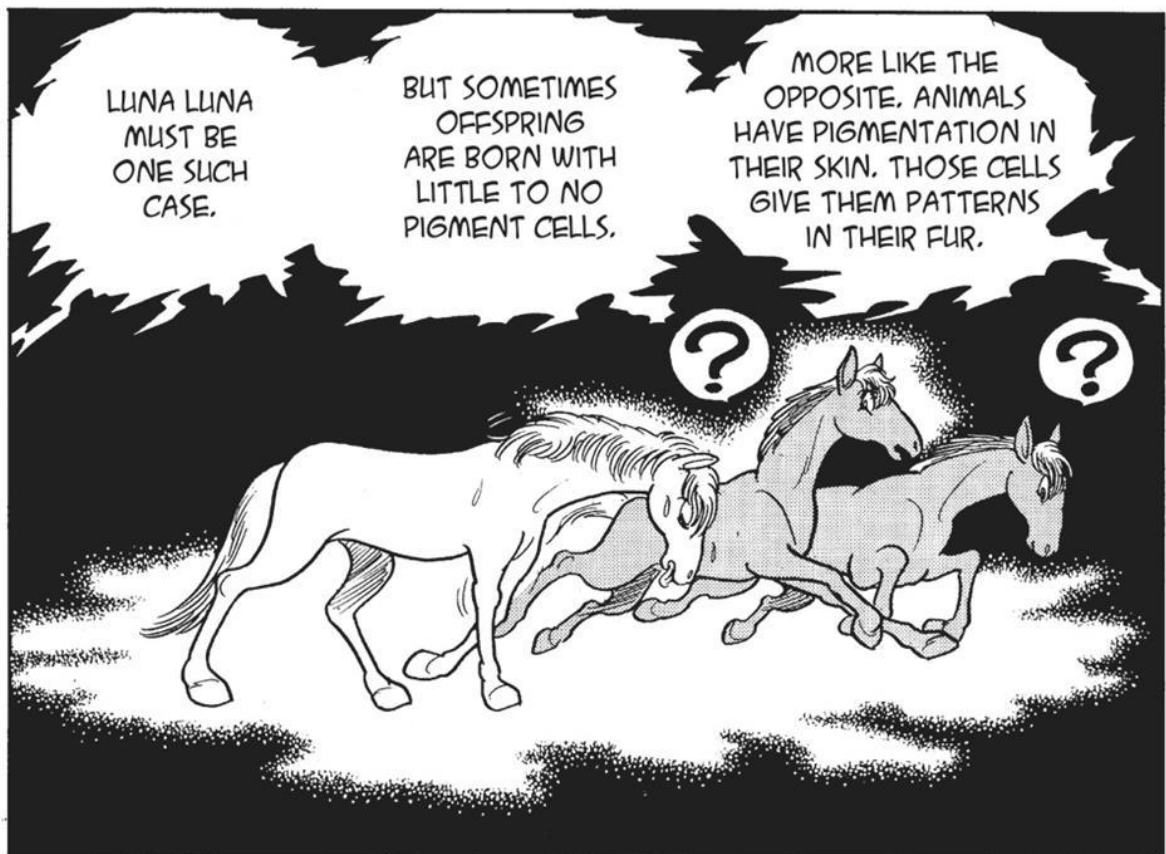




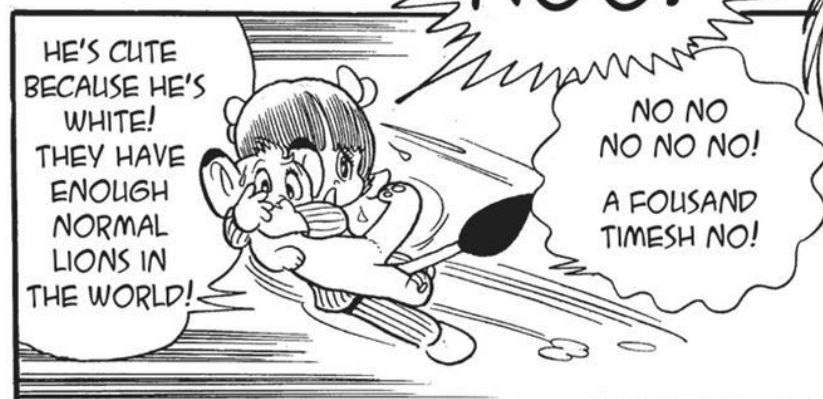
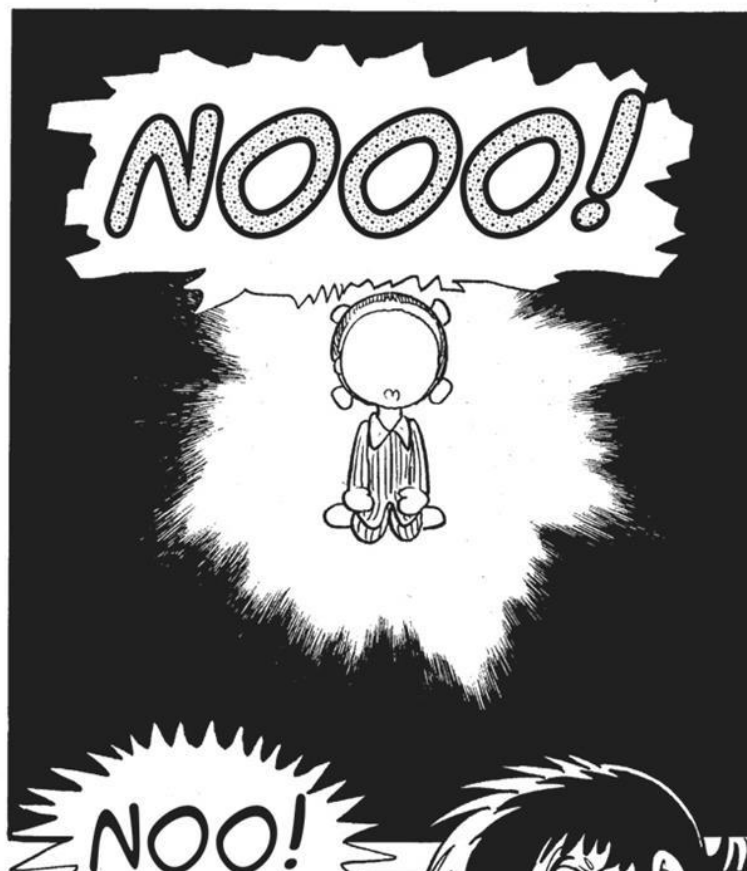
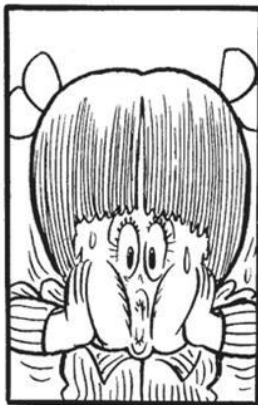




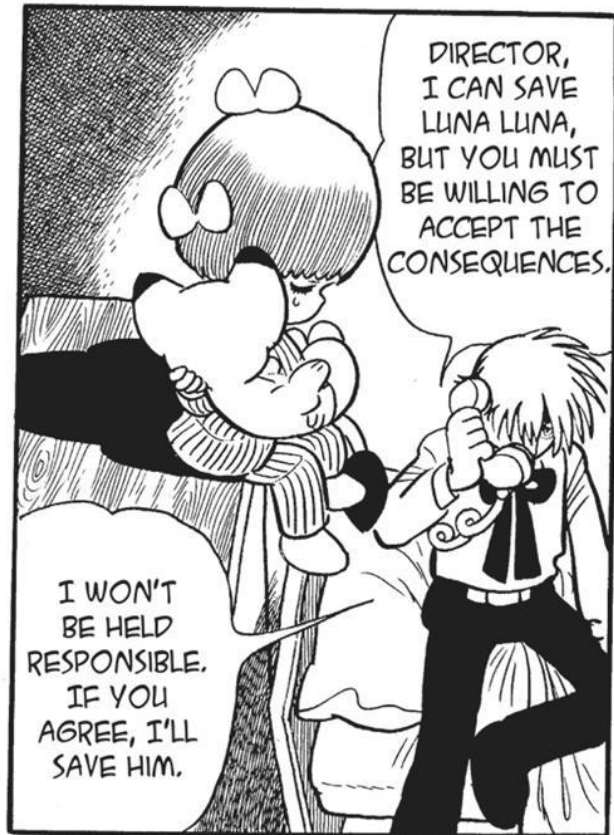
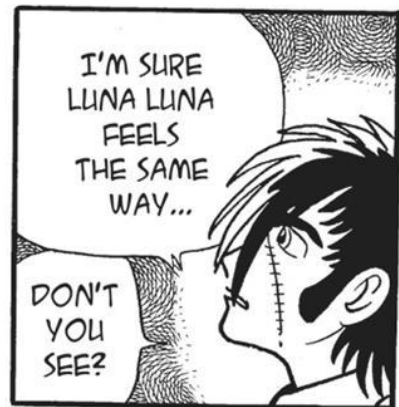


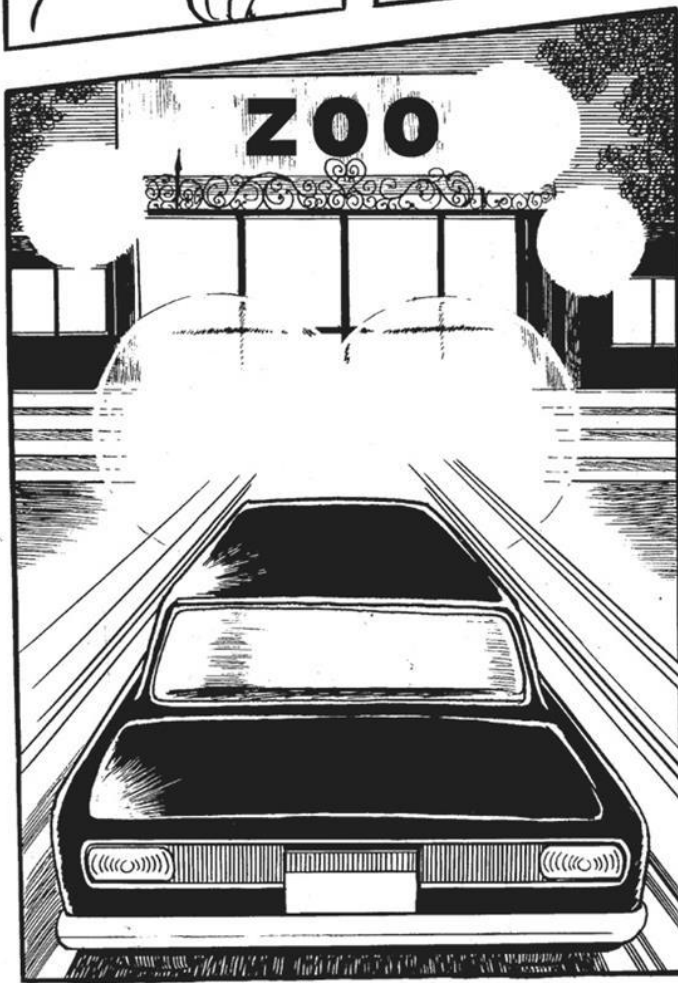
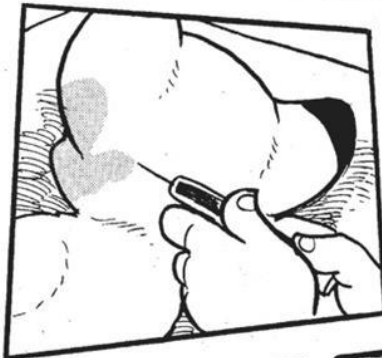


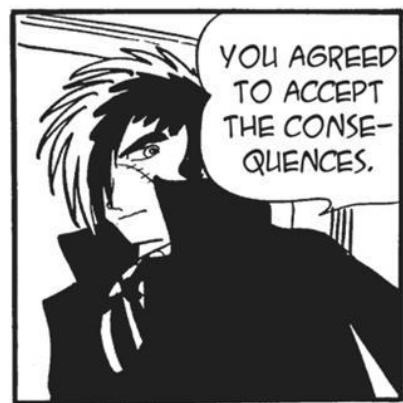
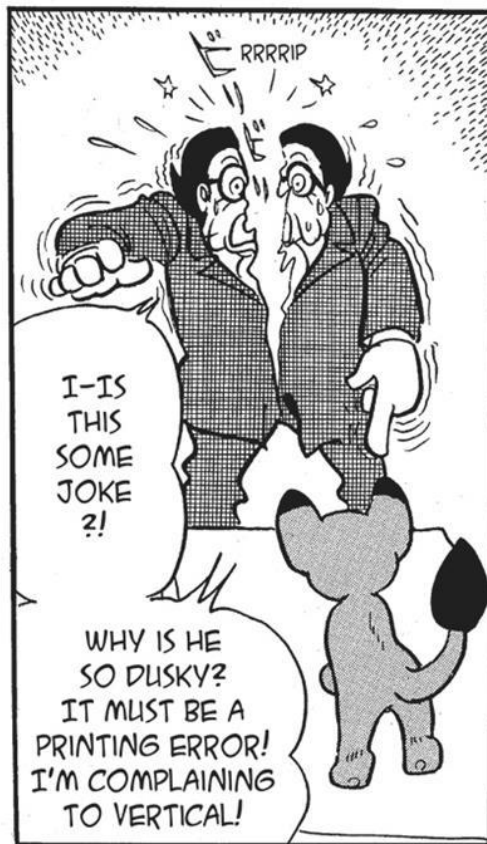
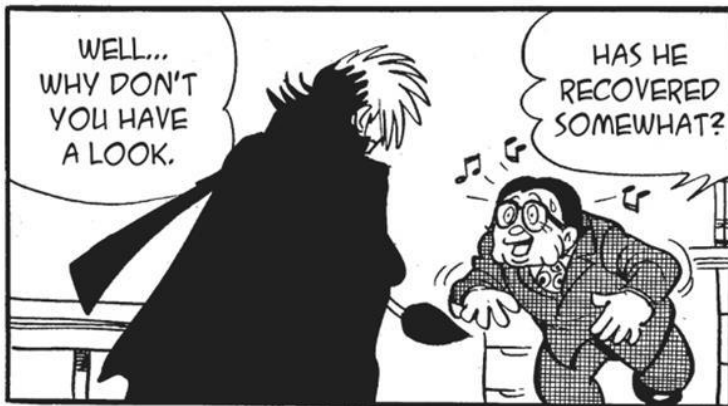


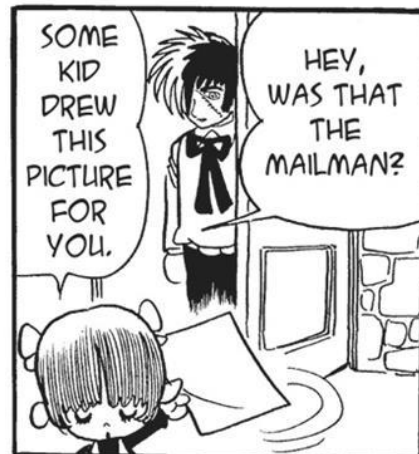
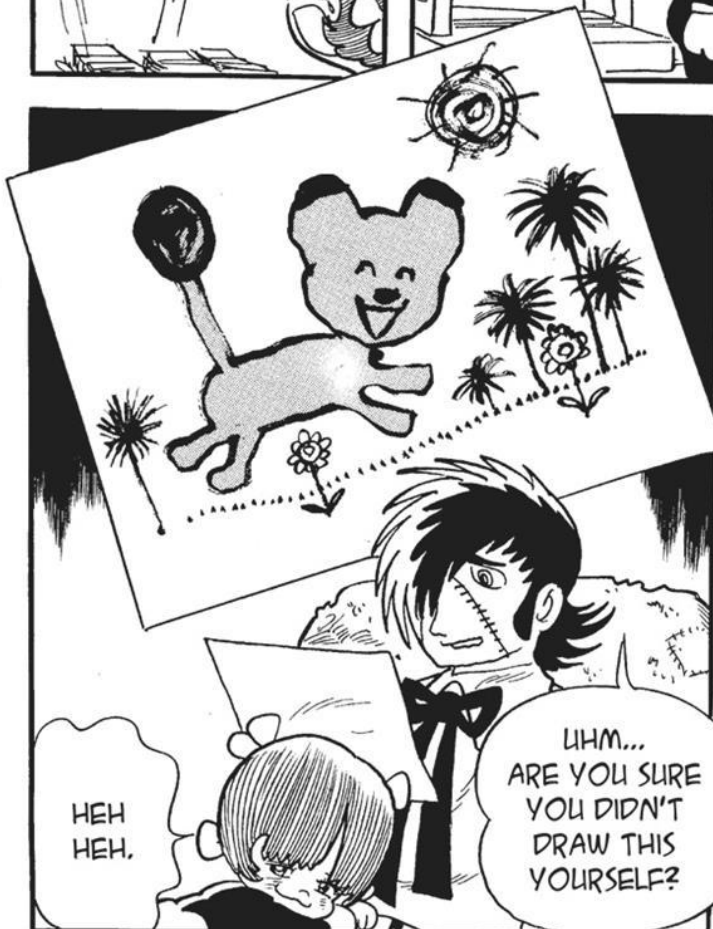
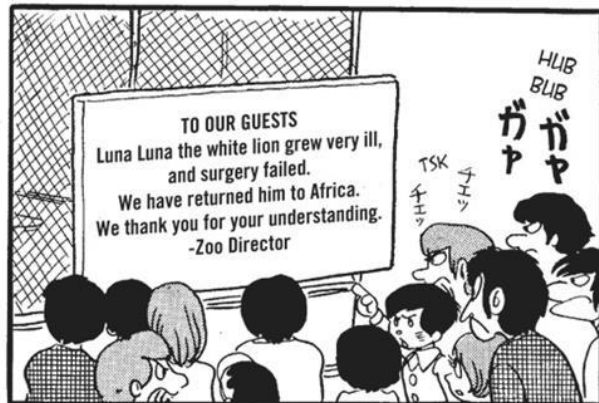
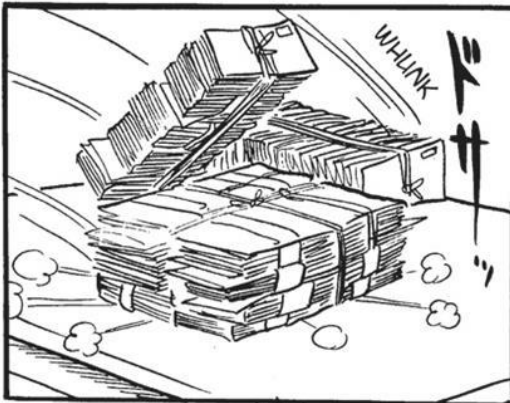




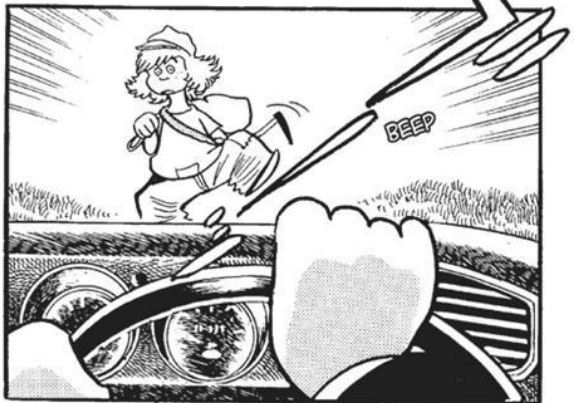
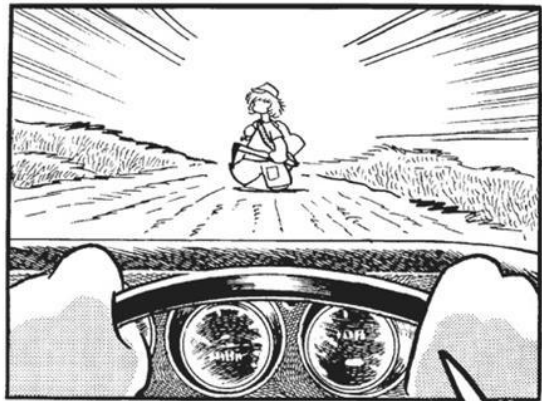








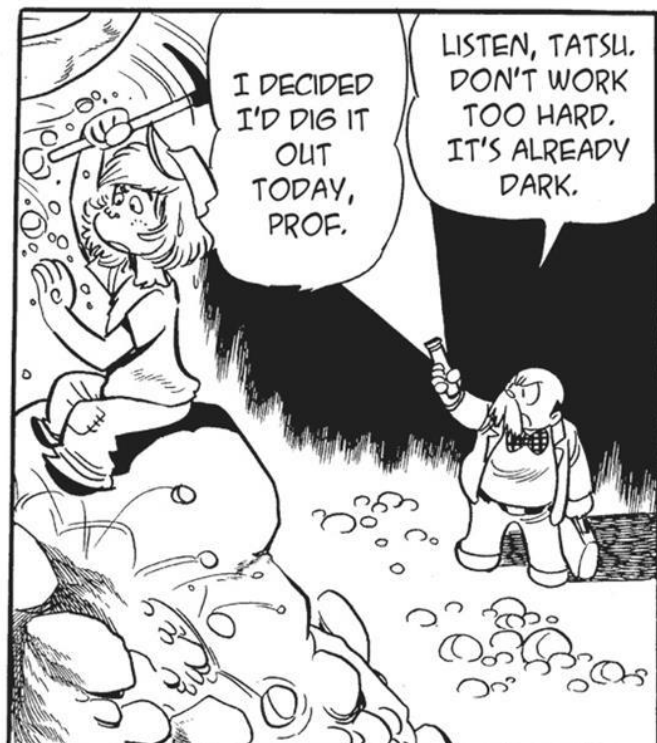
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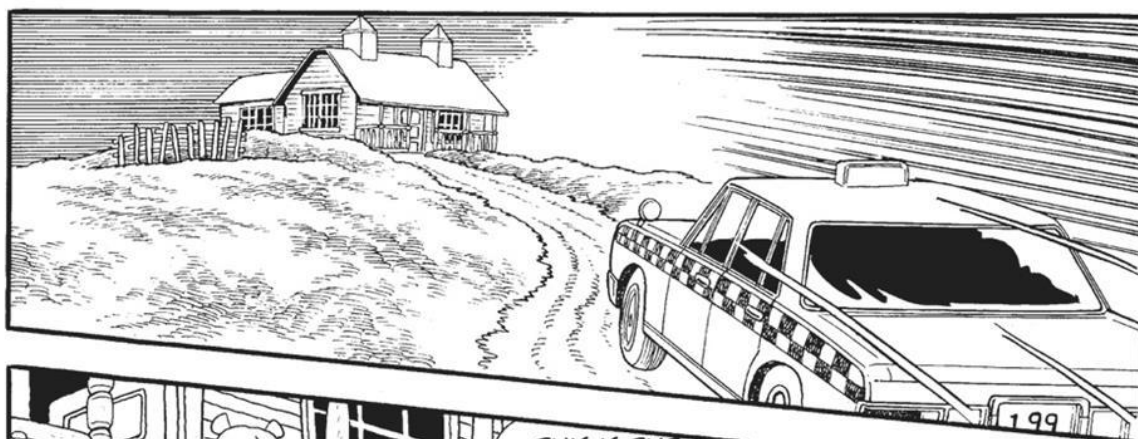


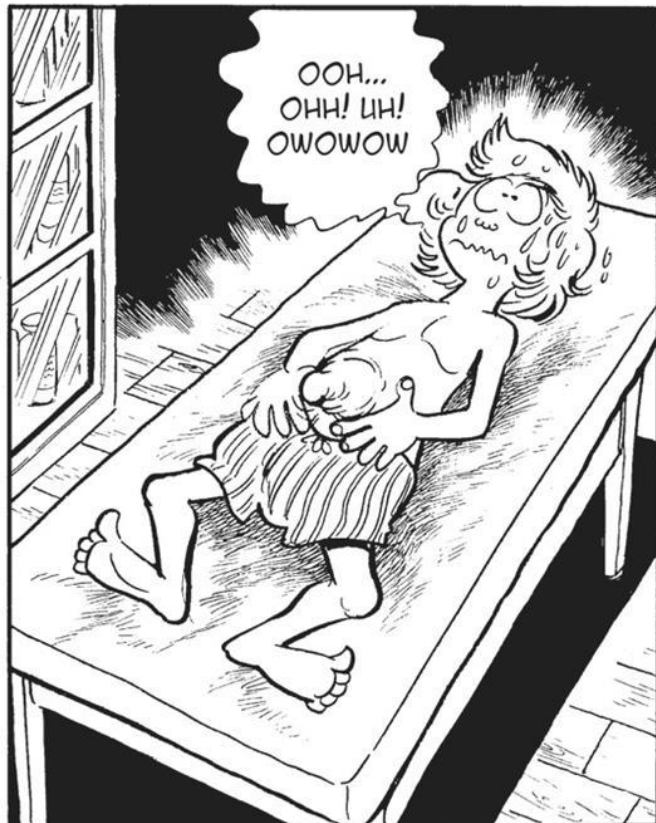




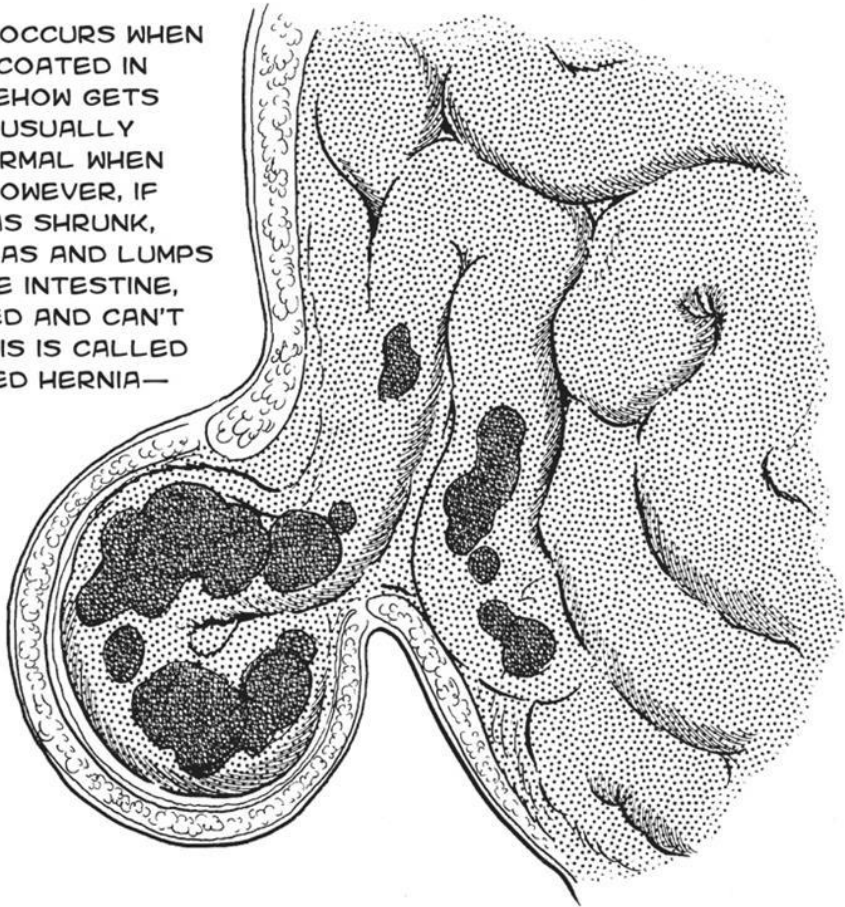
NOTE: GORGOSAURUS = A BIPEDAL, CARNIVOROUS DINOSAUR FROM THE LATE CRETACEOUS PERIOD (AROUND 70 MILLION YEARS AGO) MEASURING 9 METERS LONG AND 3 METERS HIGH. FOUND IN EAST ASIA AND NORTH AMERICA. ITS DISTINGUISHING FEATURES ARE A LARGE HEAD, A STOOPED BODY, AND UNUSUALLY SMALL TWO-FINGERED HANDS. IN A PUN, THE NAME IS GIVEN BY TAKAO SAITO'S ASSASSIN GOLGO.

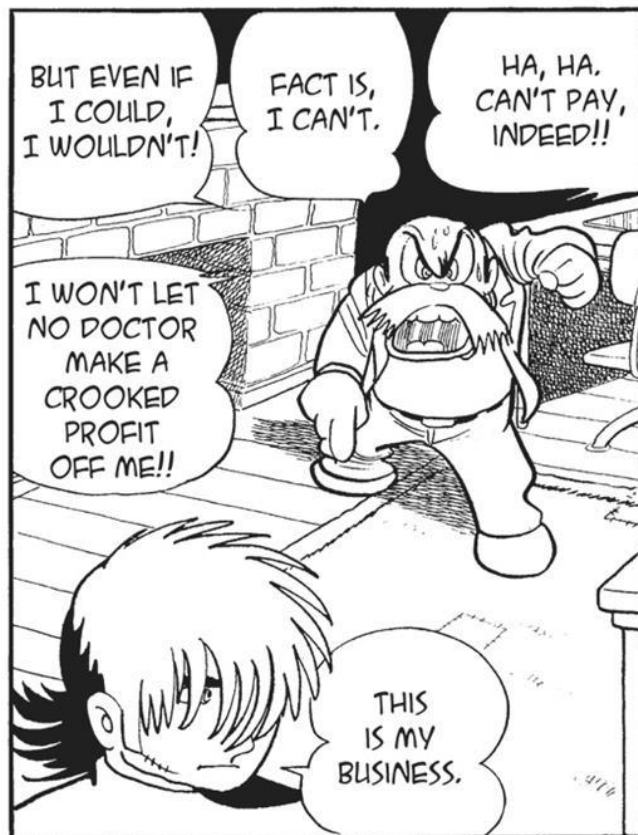
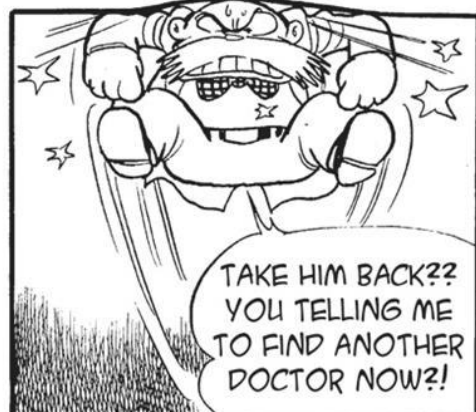
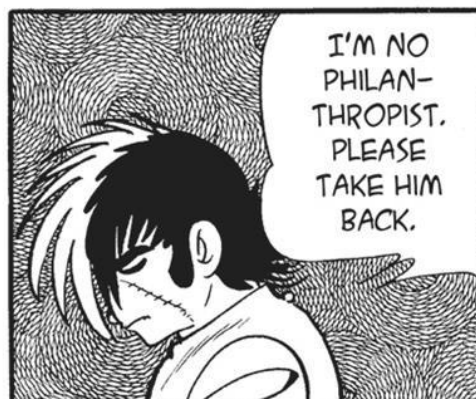
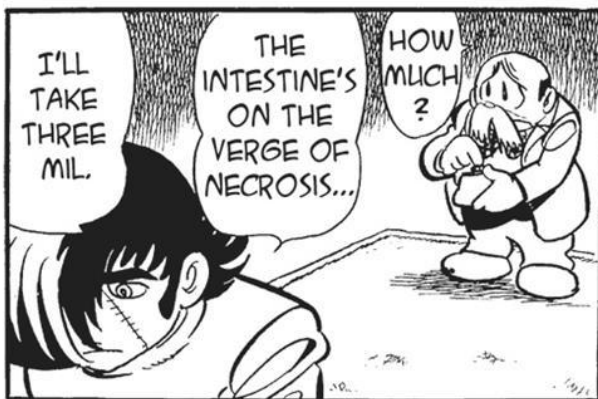




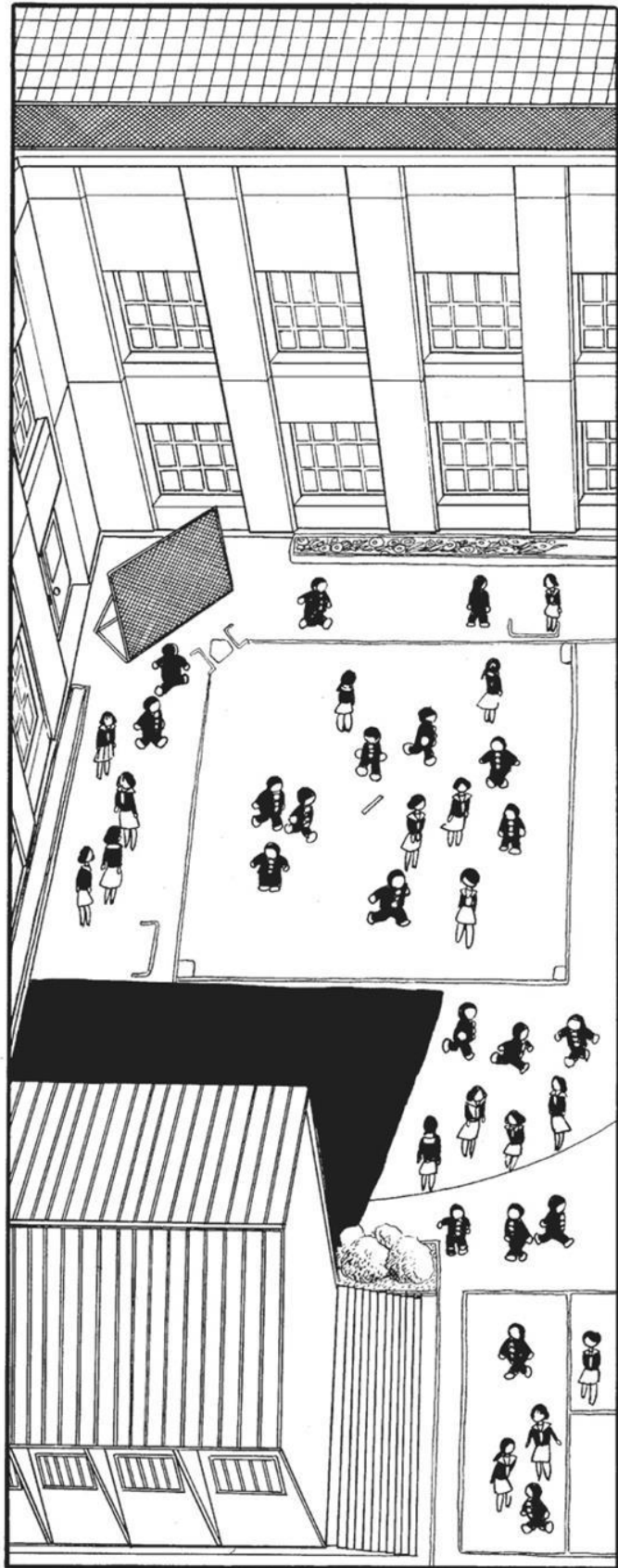


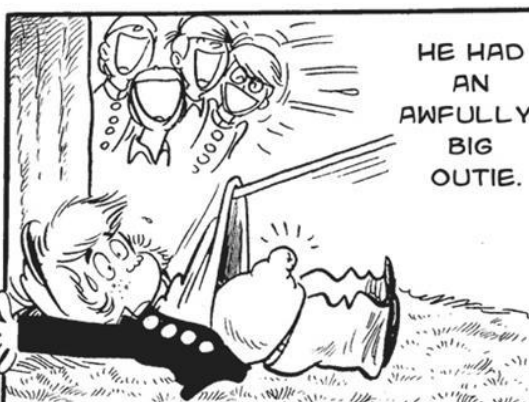
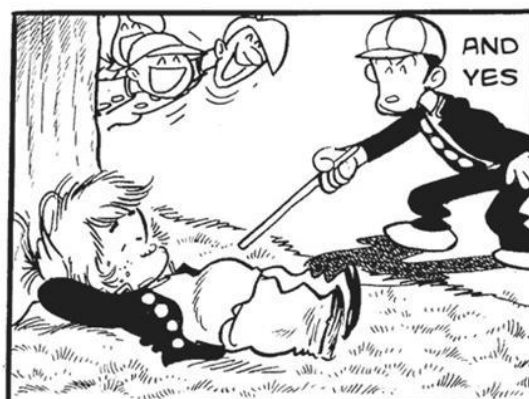
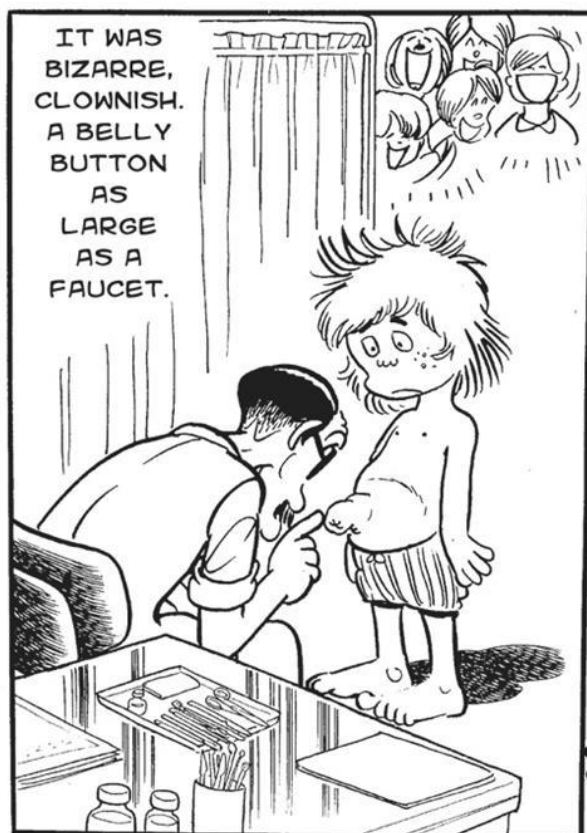
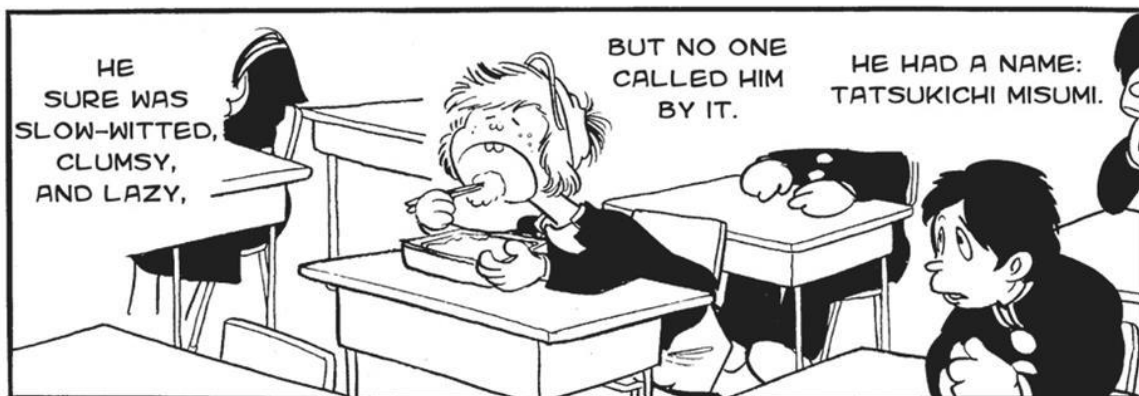
SINCE A HERNIA OCCURS WHEN THE INTESTINE, COATED IN MEMBRANE, SOMEHOW GETS PUSHED OUT, IT USUALLY RETURNS TO NORMAL WHEN PUSHED BACK. HOWEVER, IF THE OPENING HAS SHRUNK, OR IF THERE'S GAS AND LUMPS OF WASTE IN THE INTESTINE, IT GETS BLOCKED AND CAN'T BE REDUCED. THIS IS CALLED AN INCARCERATED HERNIA—A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

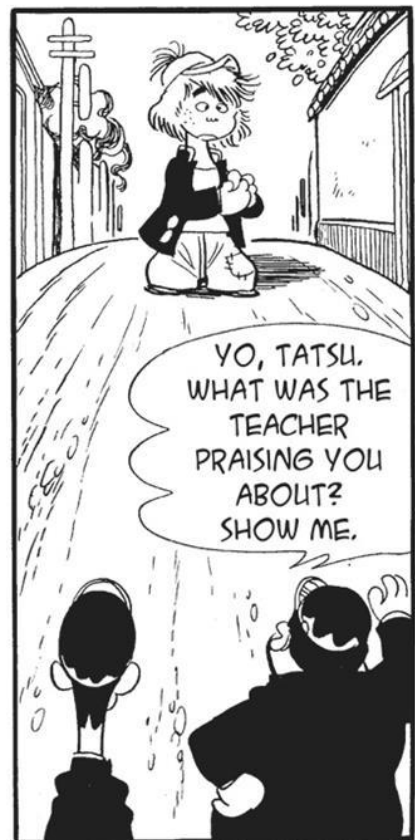
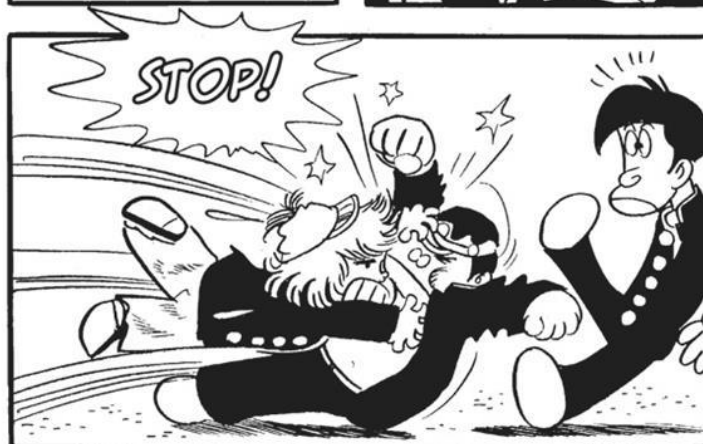
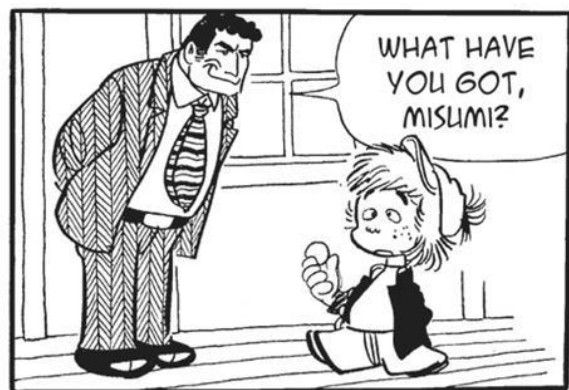
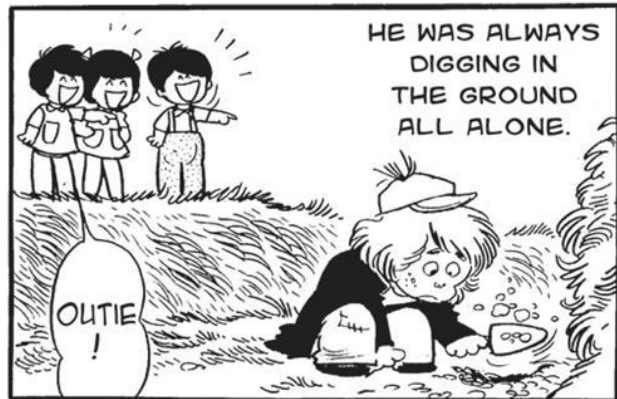


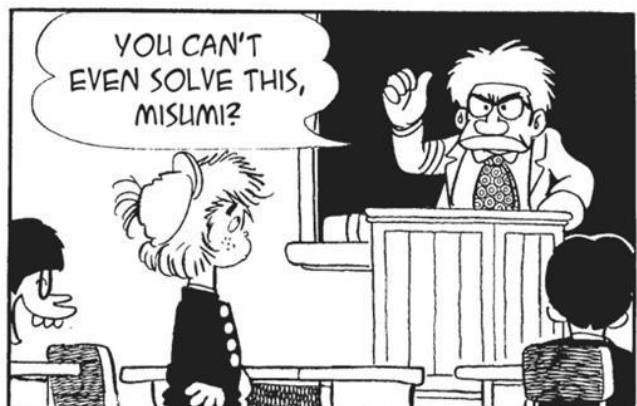


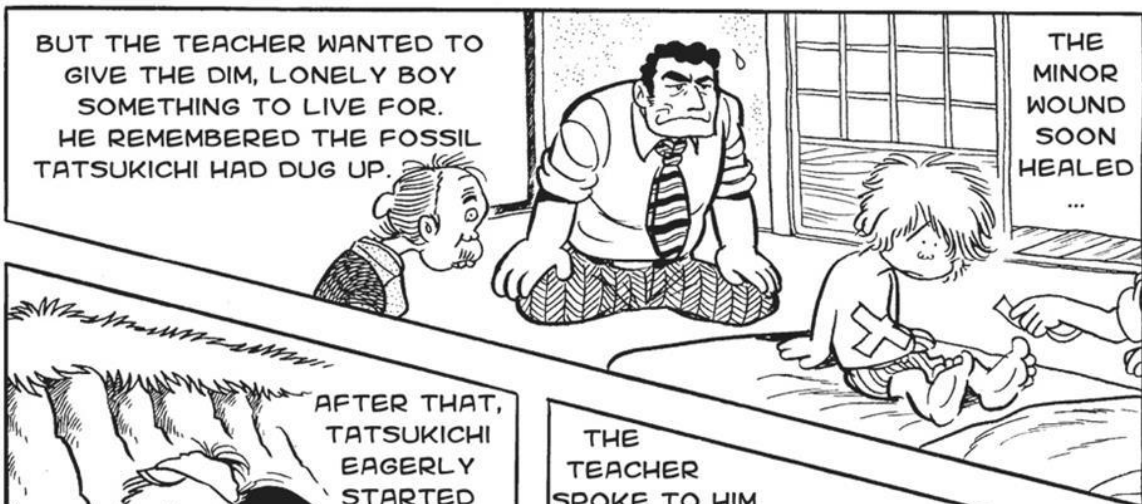
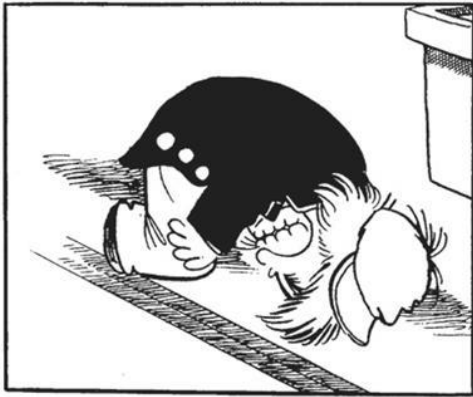


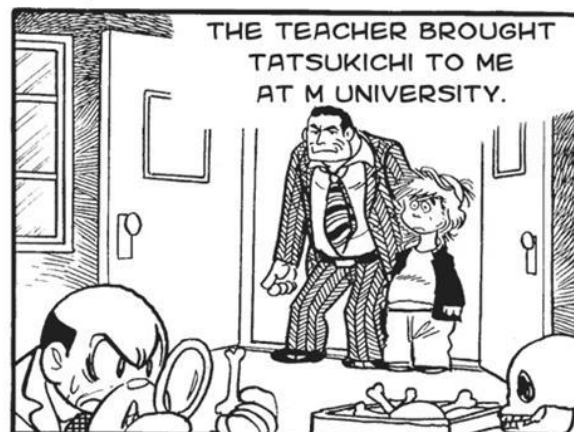
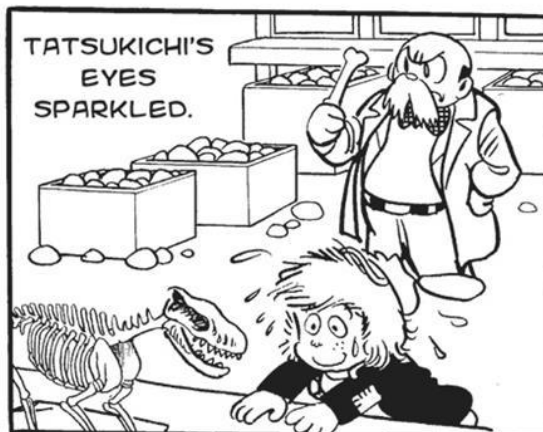
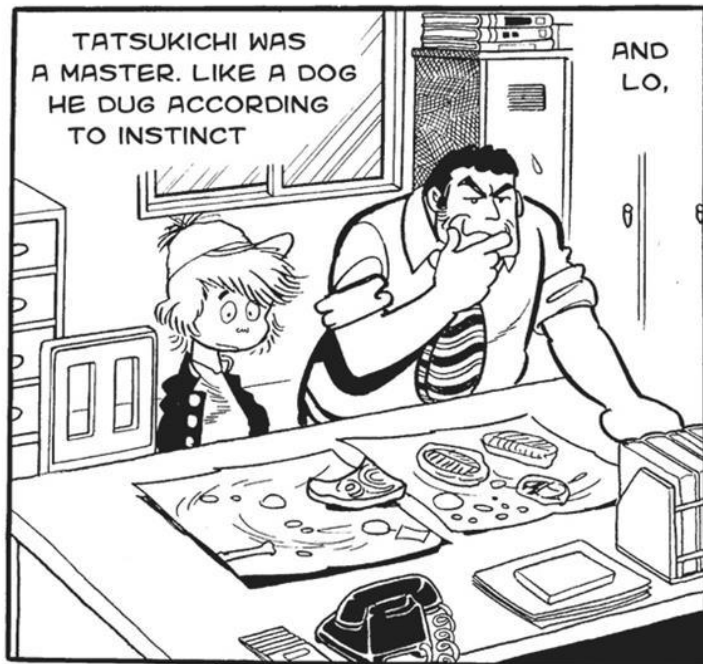
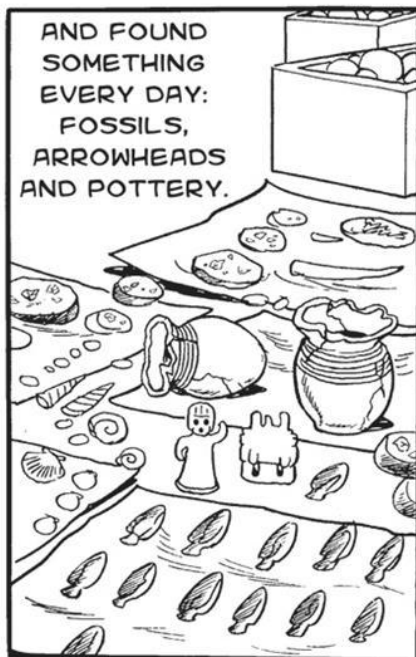




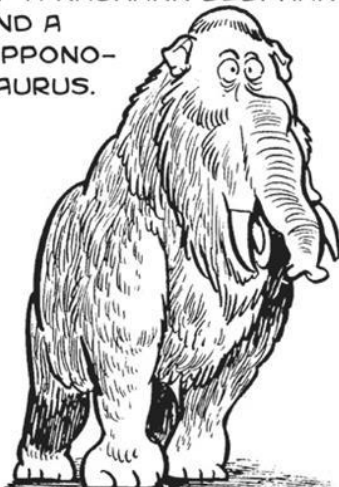








FOR INSTANCE, THE BONES
OF A NAUMANN ELEPHANT
AND A
NIPPONO-
SAURUS.



AMONG THE ONES
HE UNEARTHED
WERE SOME
WONDERFUL
FINDS.

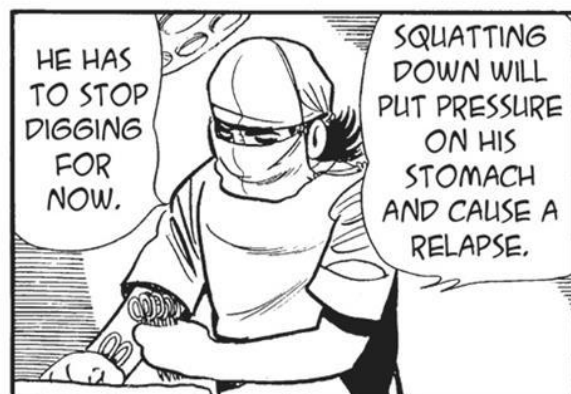


SEARCHING
FOR FOSSILS
BECAME HIS
PURPOSE
IN LIFE.

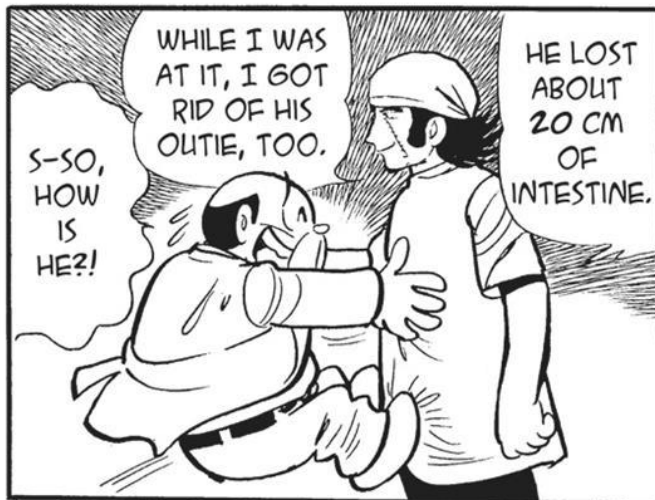
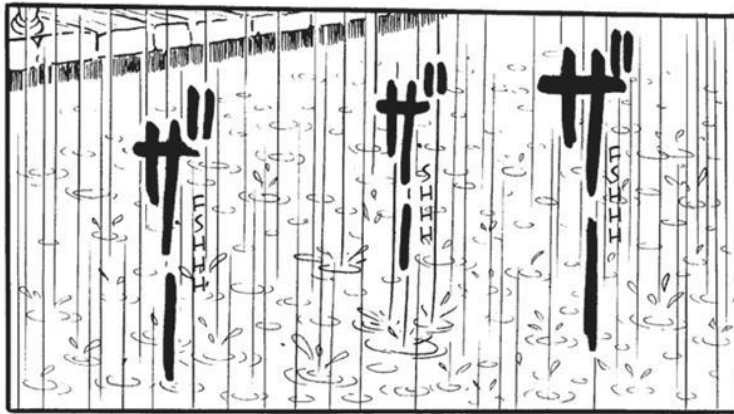
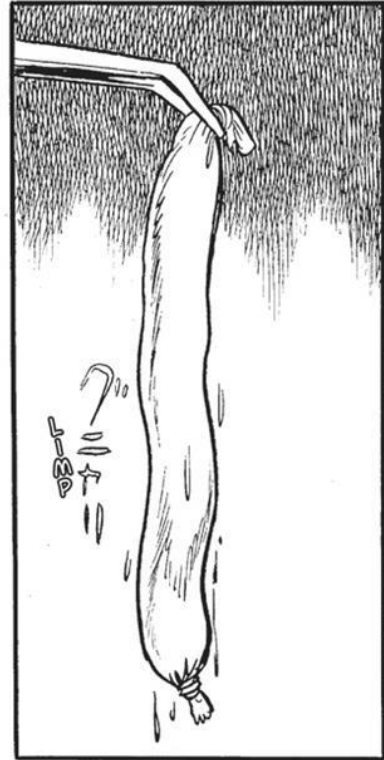
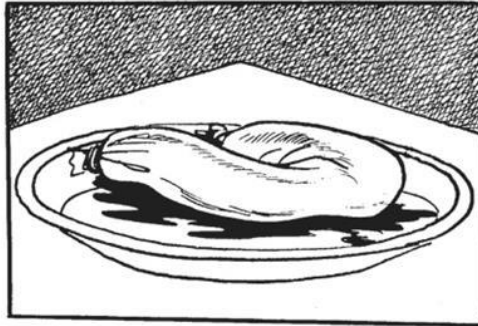


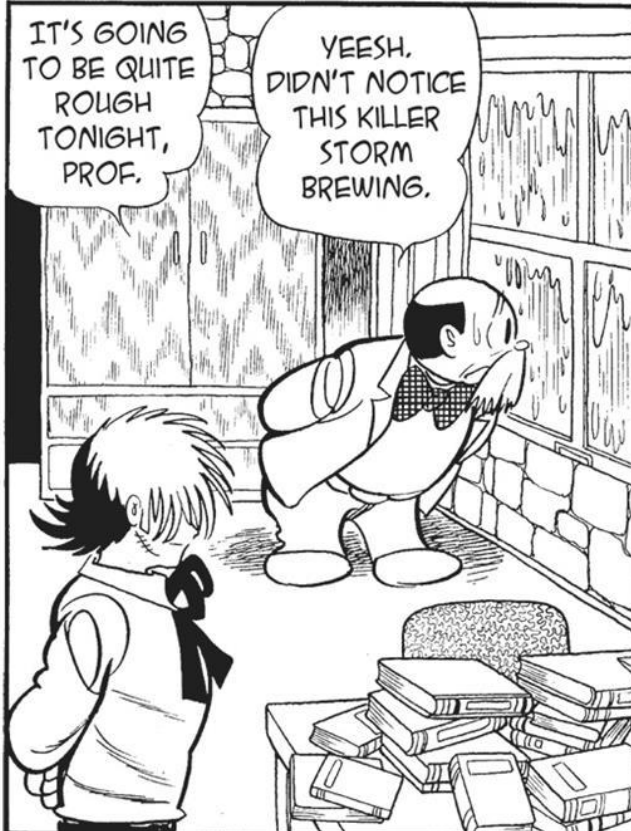
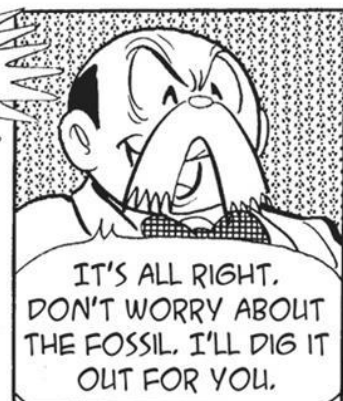
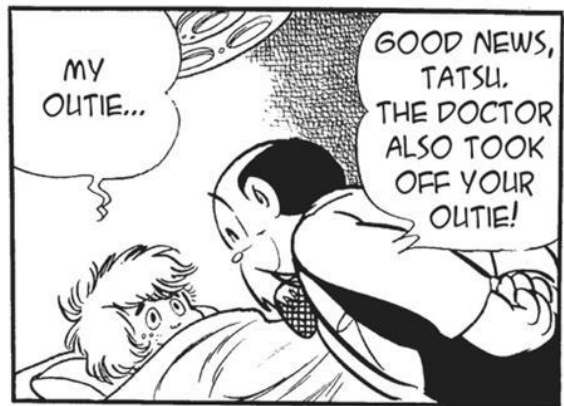
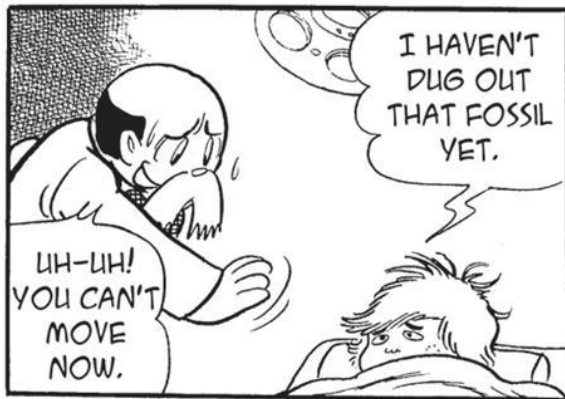
NOTE: NIPPONOSAURUS = A DINOSAUR FROM THE END OF THE CRETACEOUS, THE DUCKBILLED TRACHODON. FIRST DISCOVERED IN THE PREWAR PERIOD IN SAKHALIN, WHICH WAS THEN PART OF JAPAN. 2 METERS TALL AND 3 METERS LONG, IT'S NOT LARGE FOR A DINOSAUR.

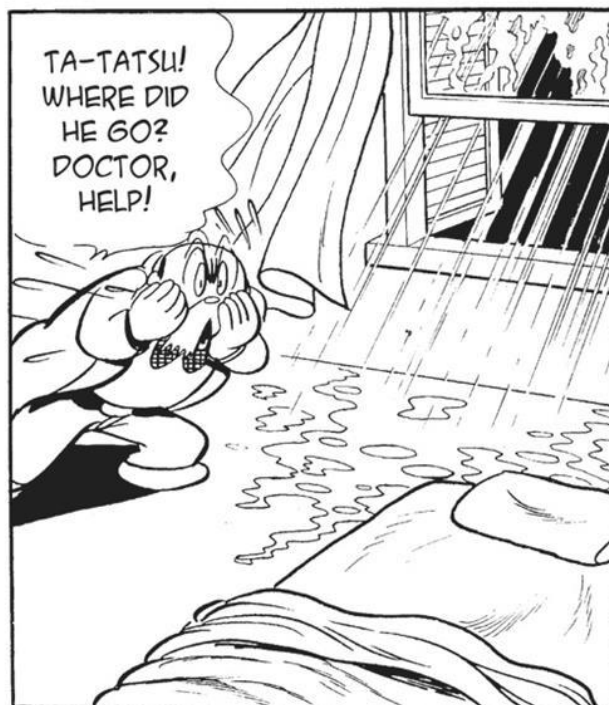














WHAT?!
HE MUSTN'T
MOVE YET!
WHAT IS HE
THINKING?!

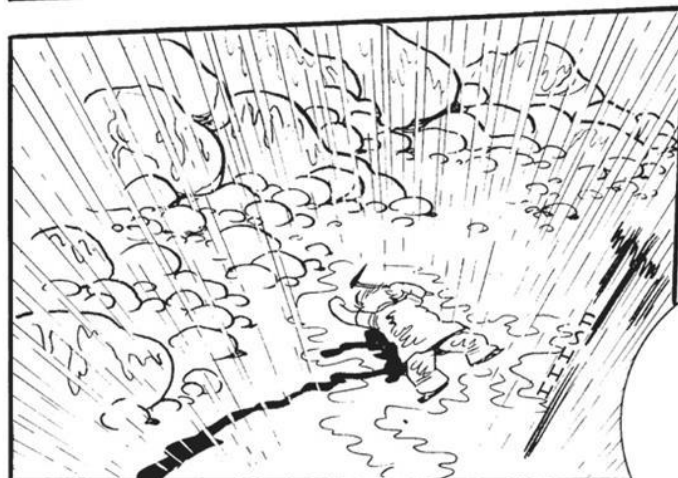
TATSU ESCAPED
THROUGH THE
WINDOW. INTO
THIS RAIN...



THAT
CLIFF
THERE.

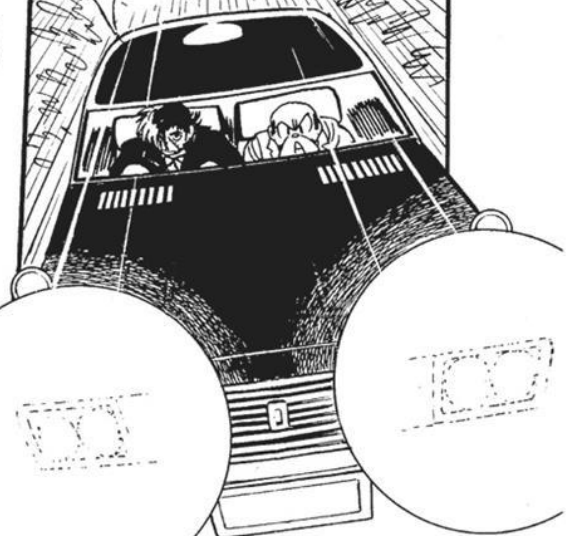


LOOK!
I WAS
RIGHT
!



I KNOW
WHERE HE WENT.
THE BOTTOM
OF THAT CLIFF!

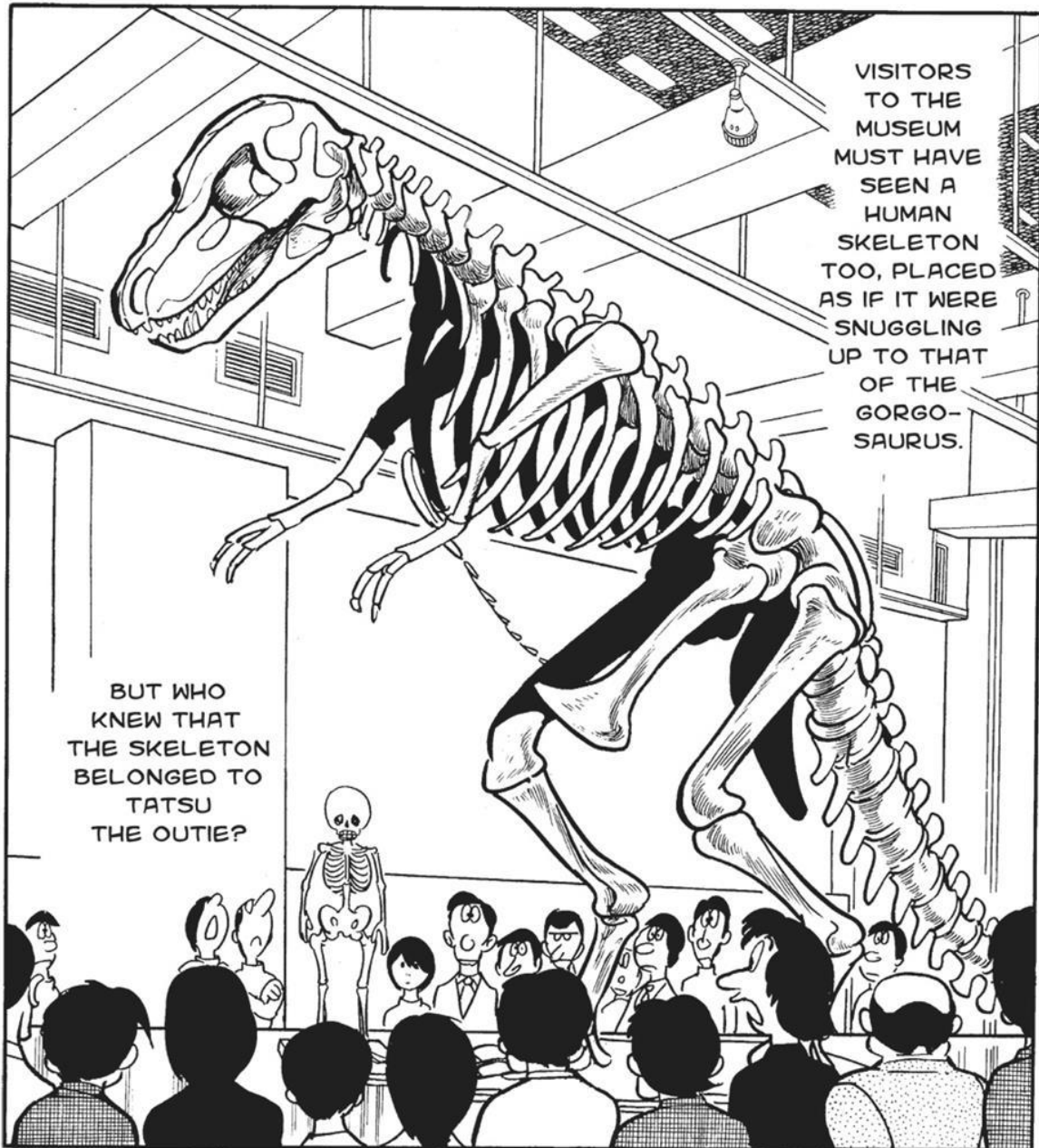
I HAVE
TO SAY,
THIS IS
YOUR FAULT.







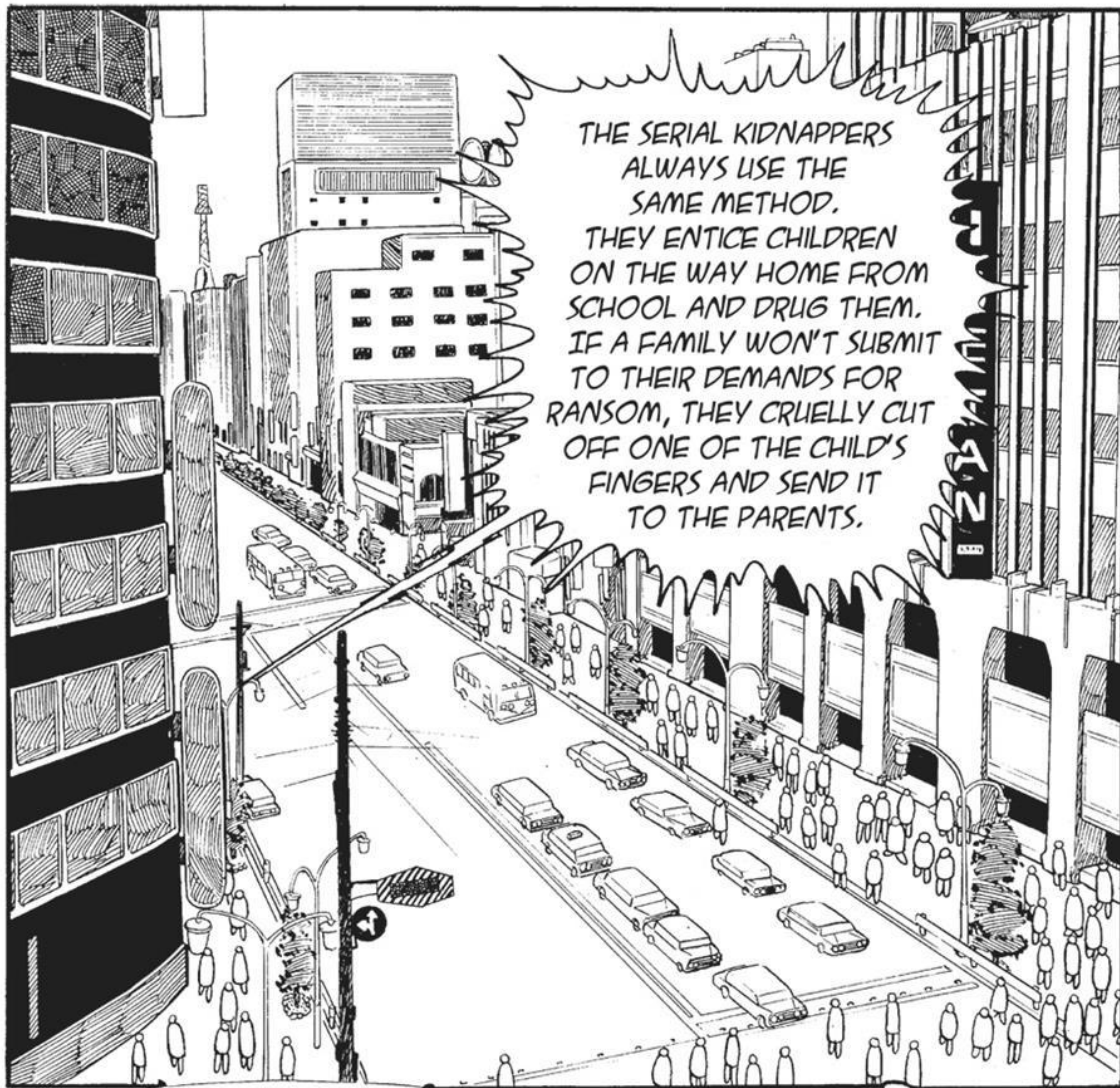
IT WAS DURING SUMMER
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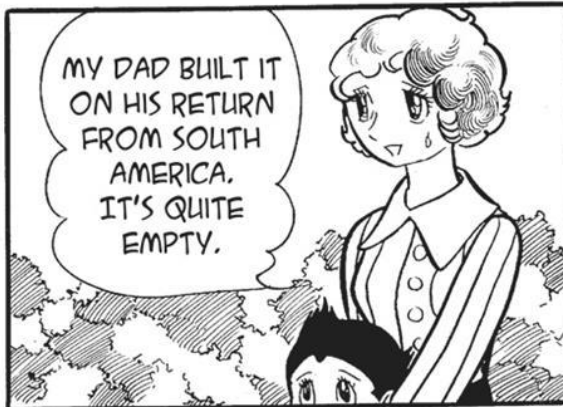


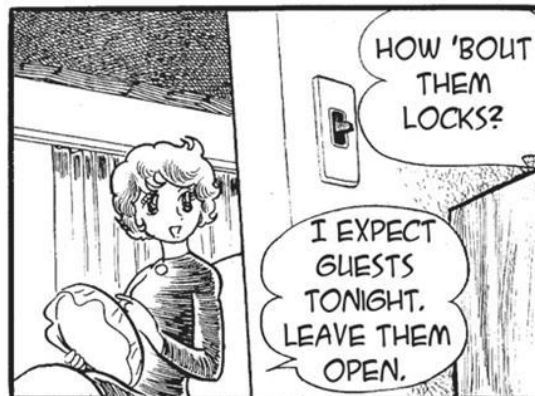
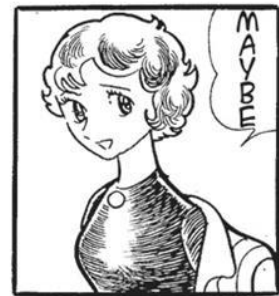
VISITORS
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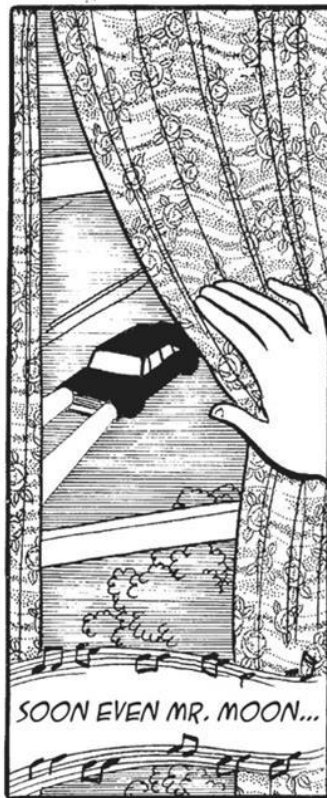
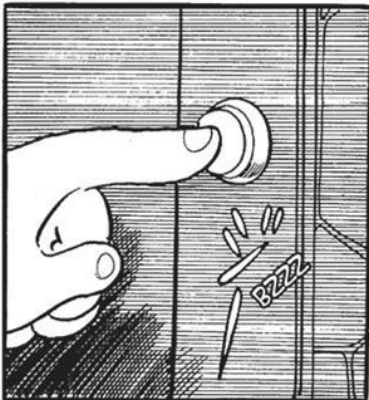
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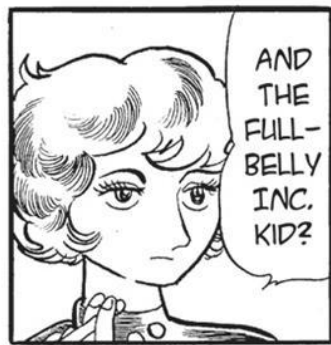
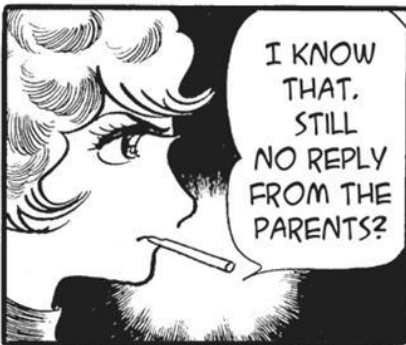
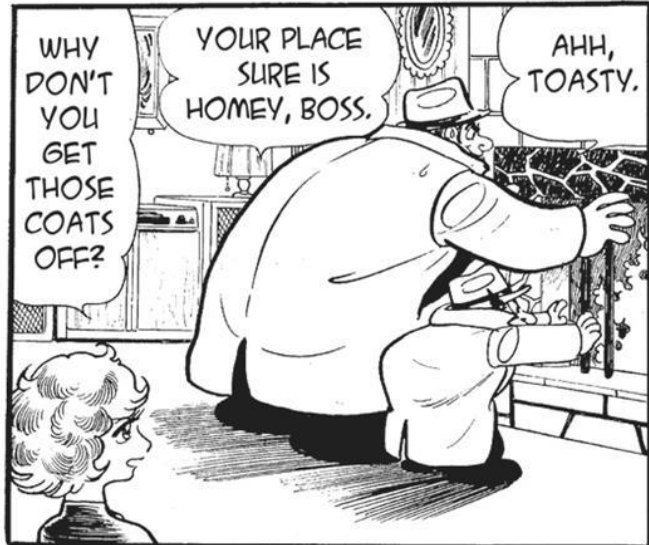
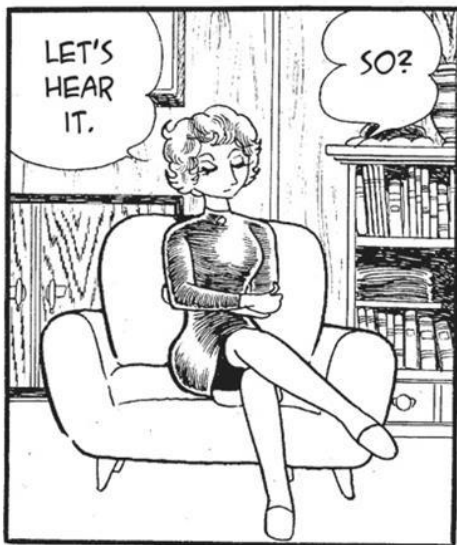
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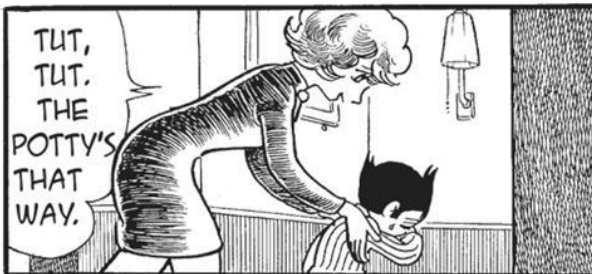


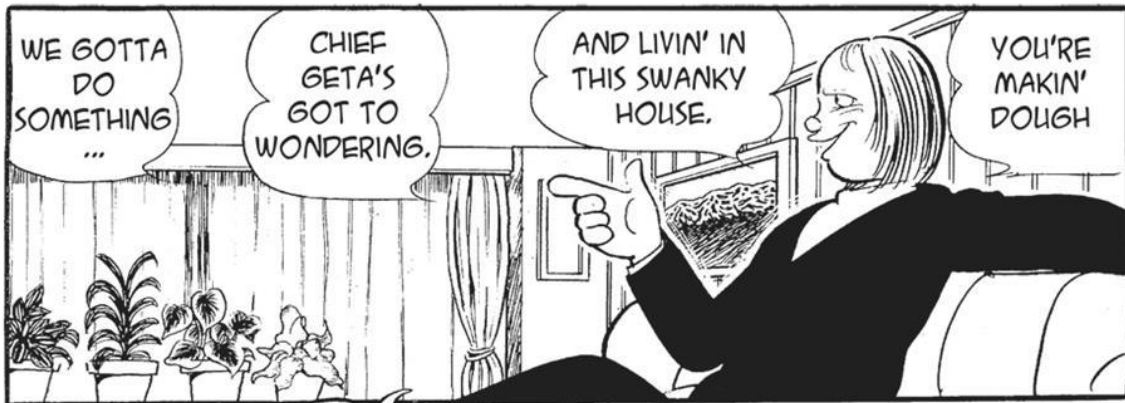


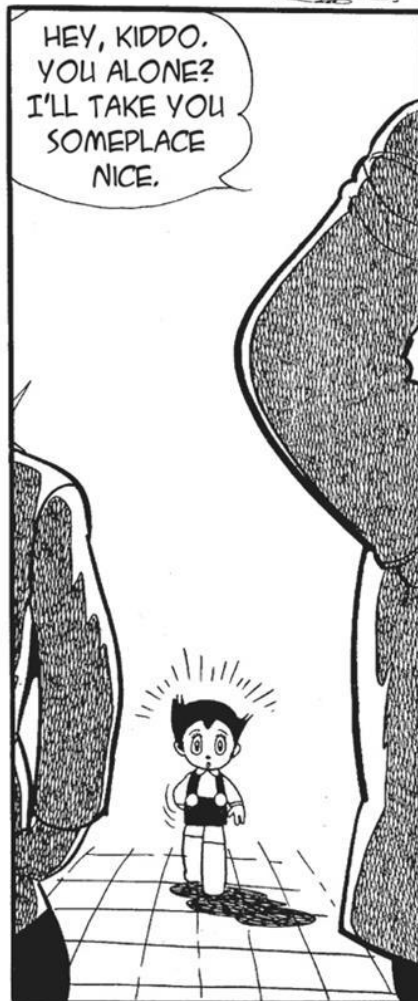
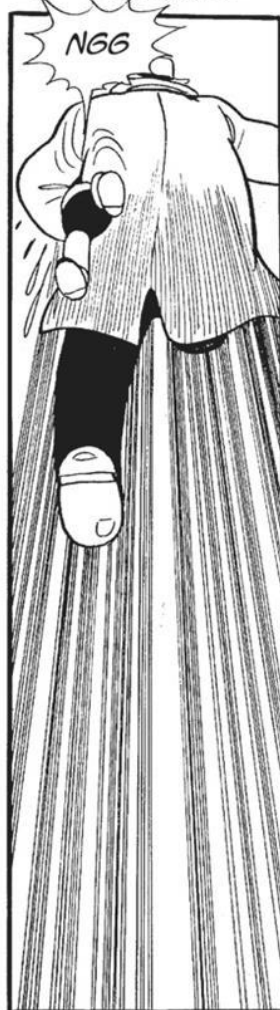
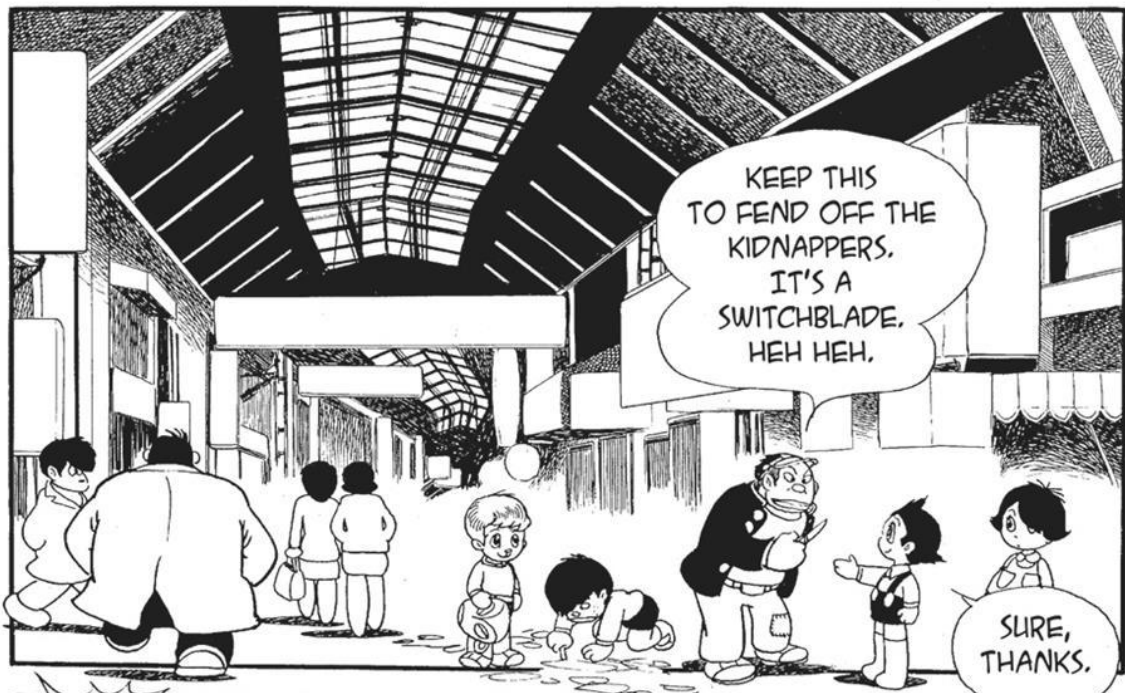


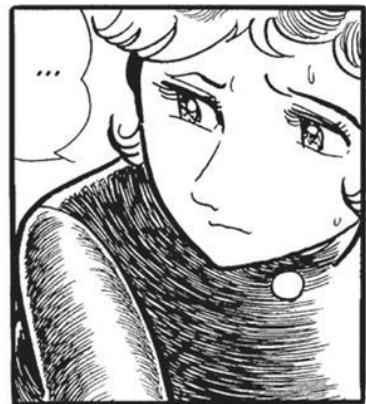


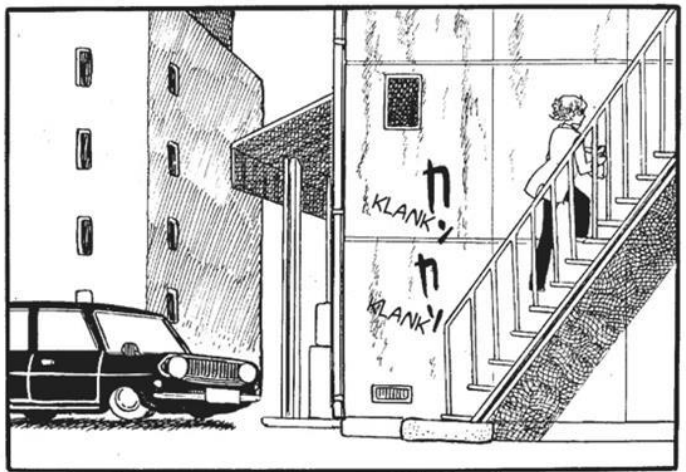


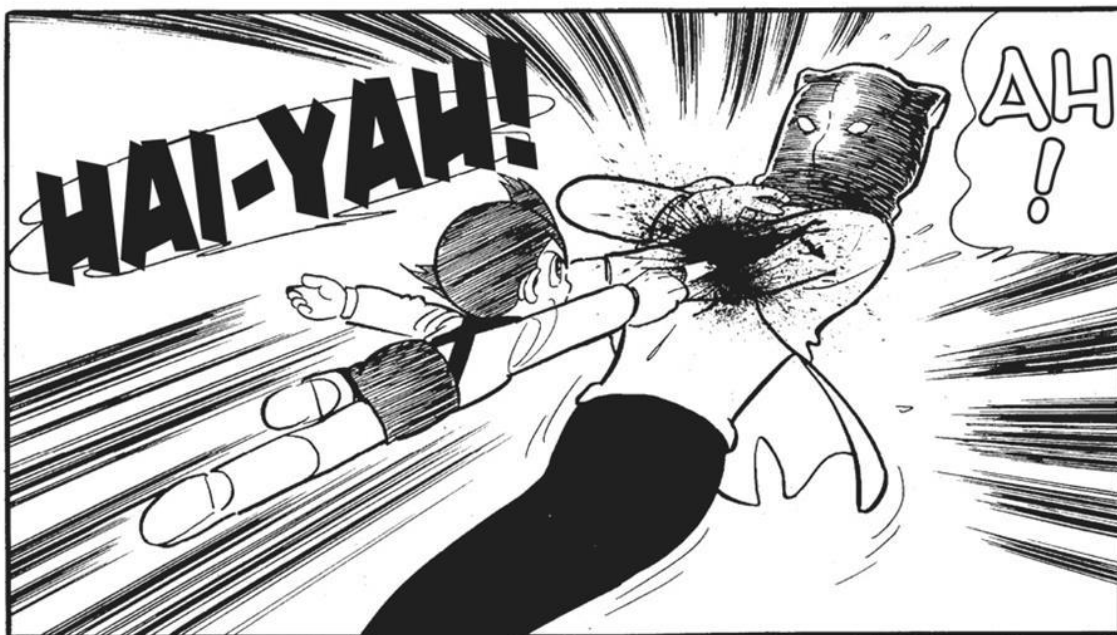
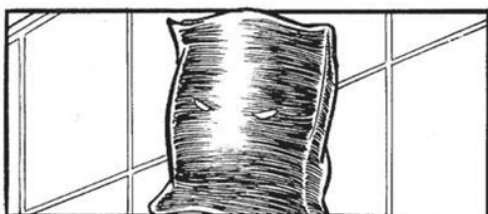


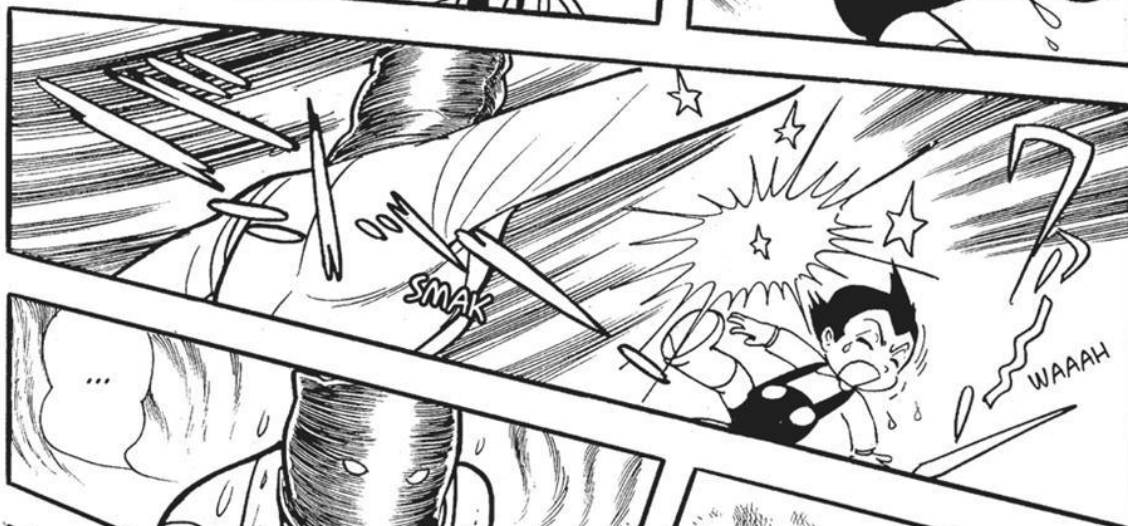
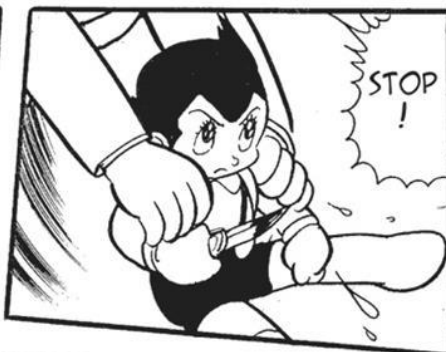




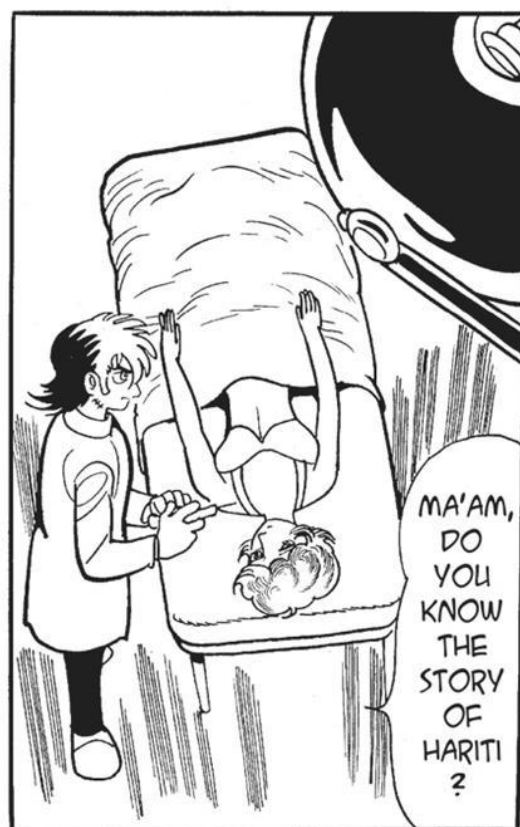
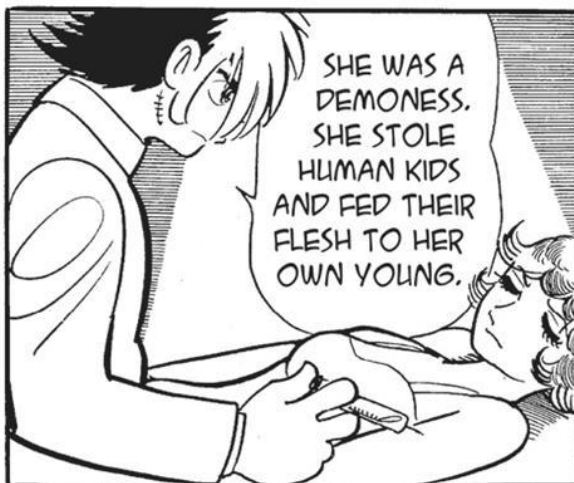
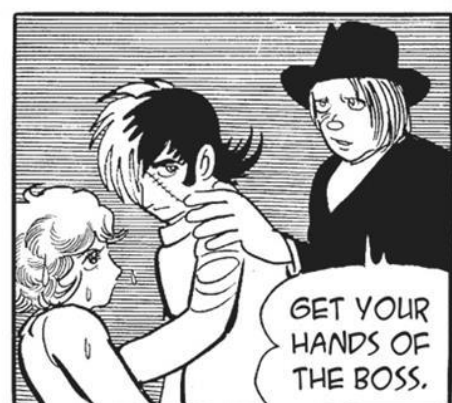


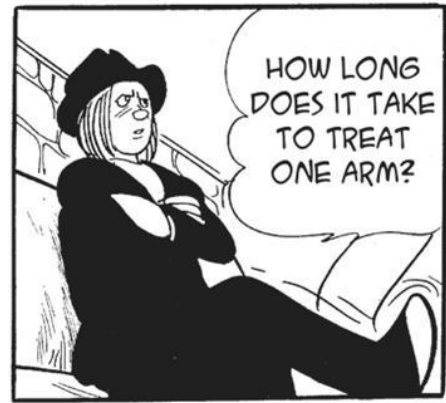
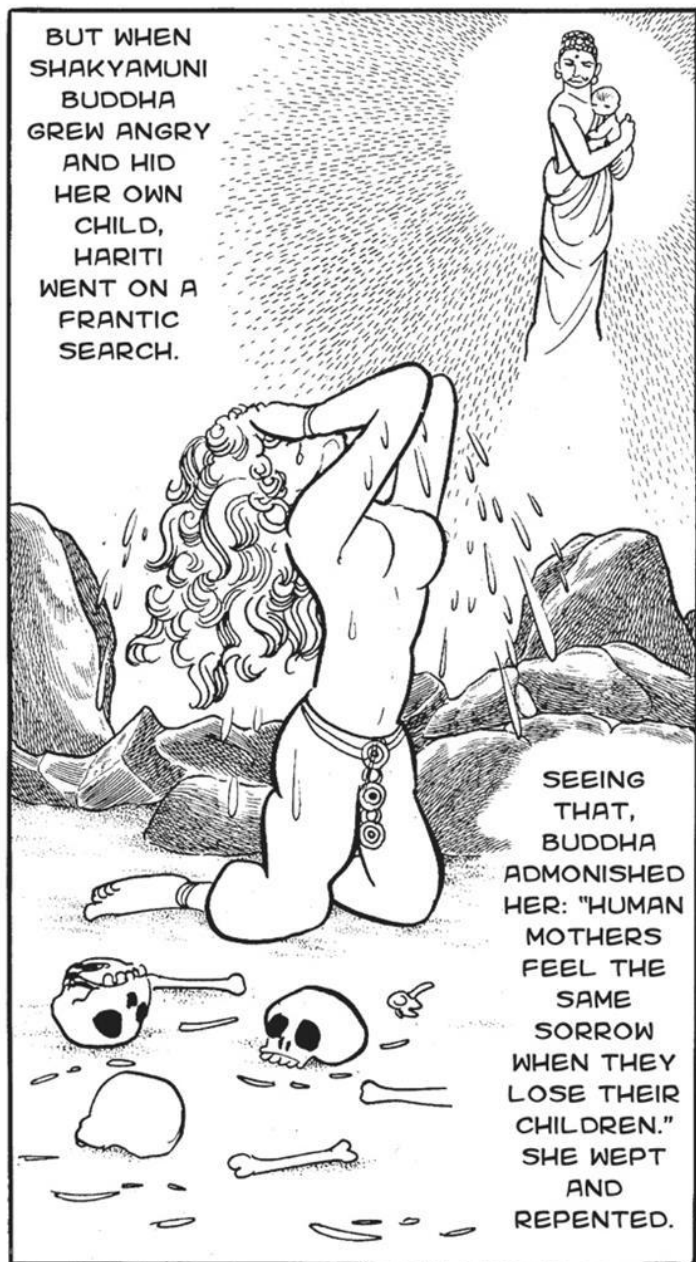
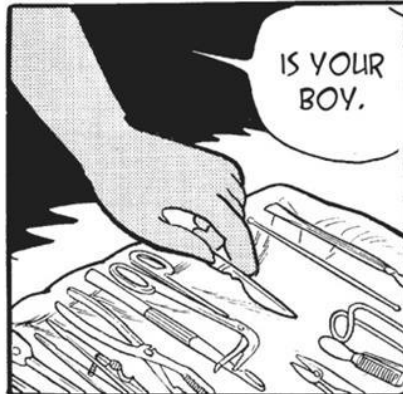




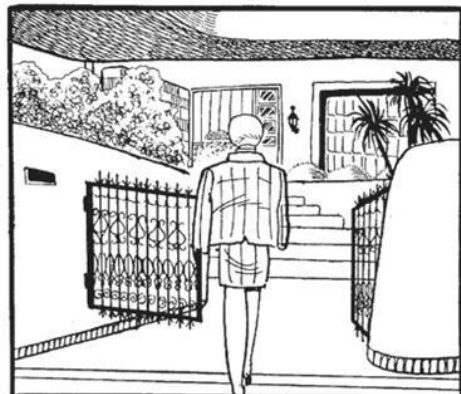
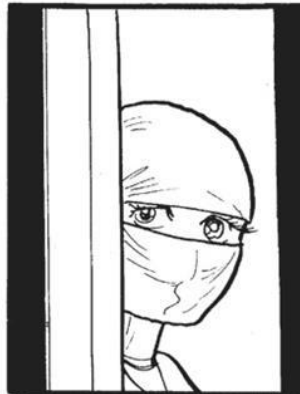
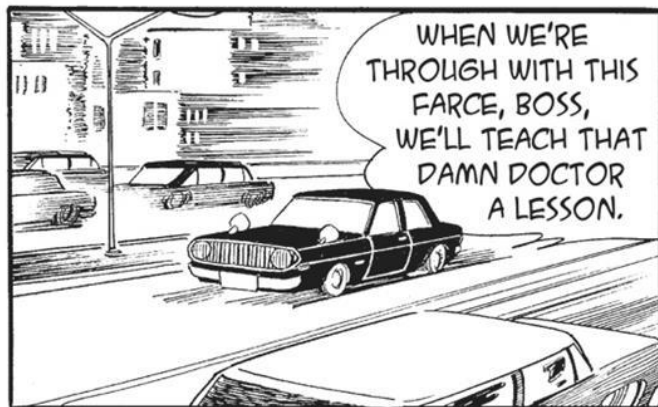




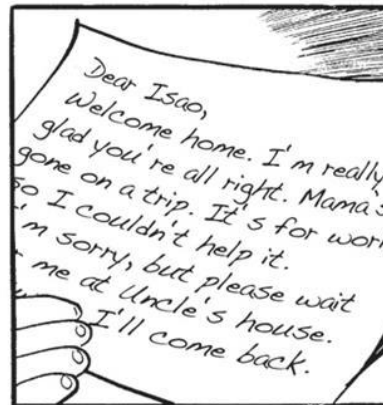


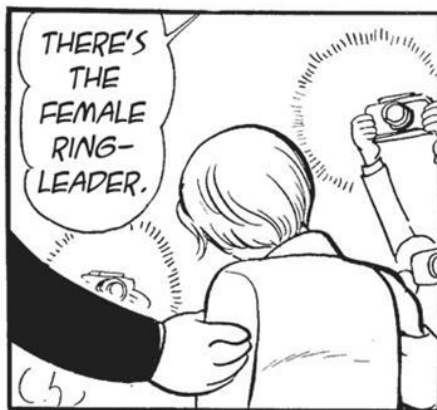




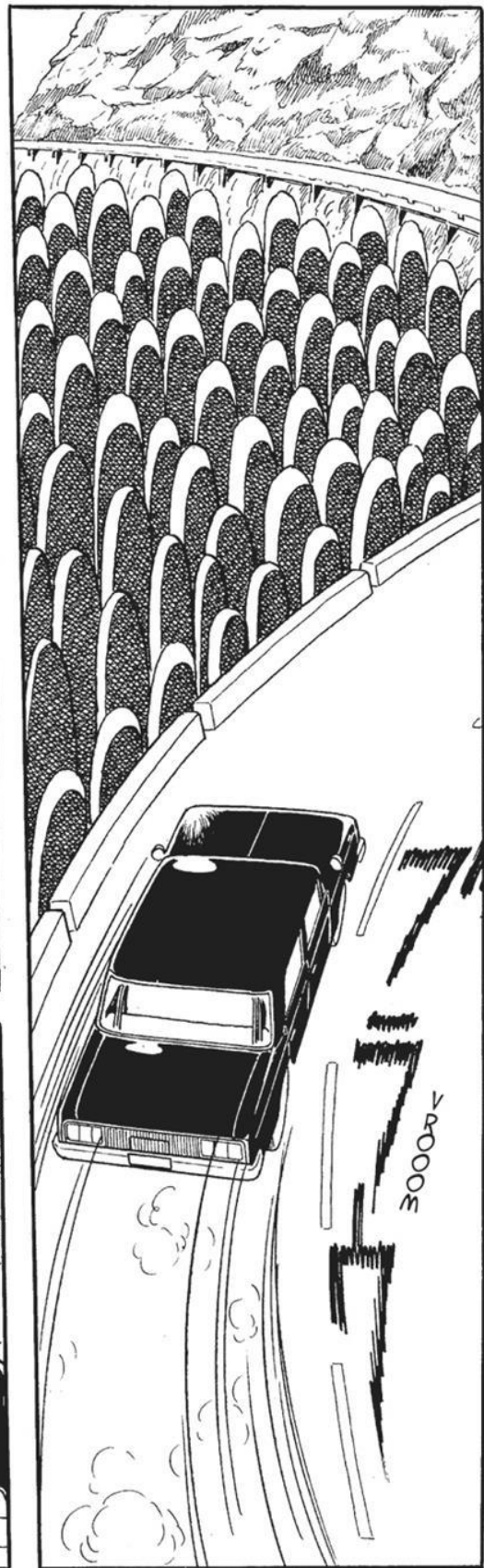
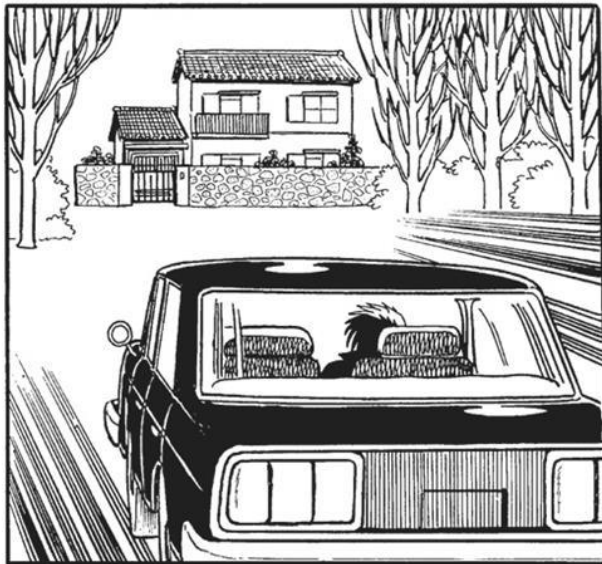
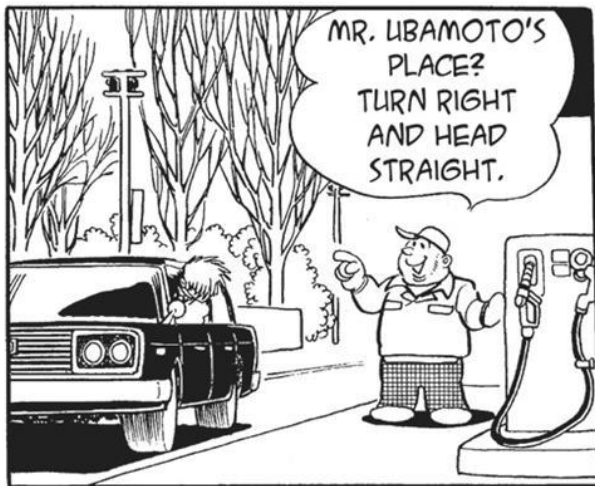


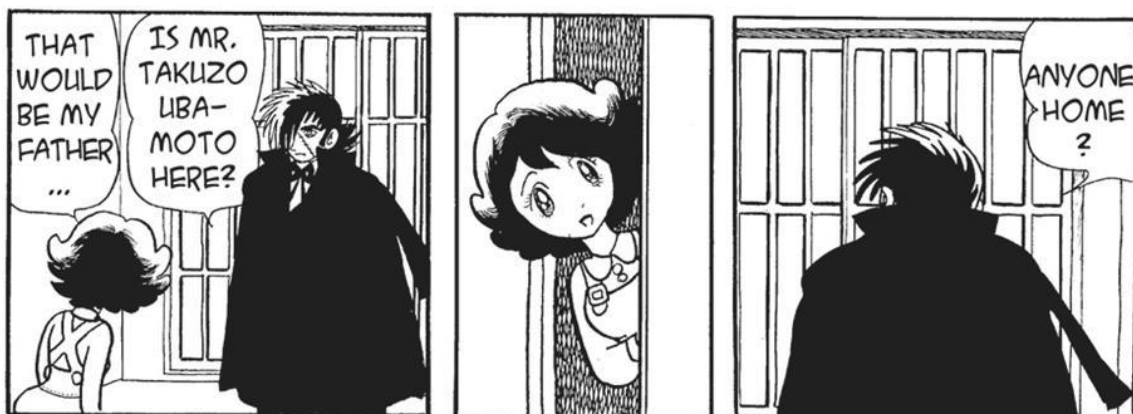






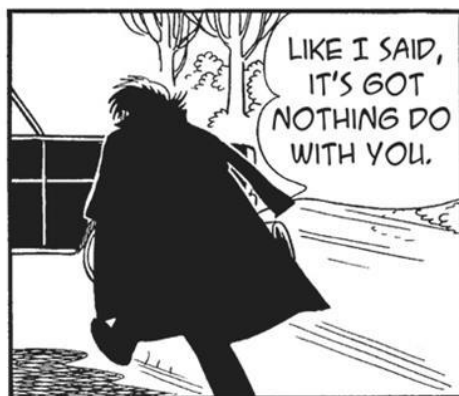
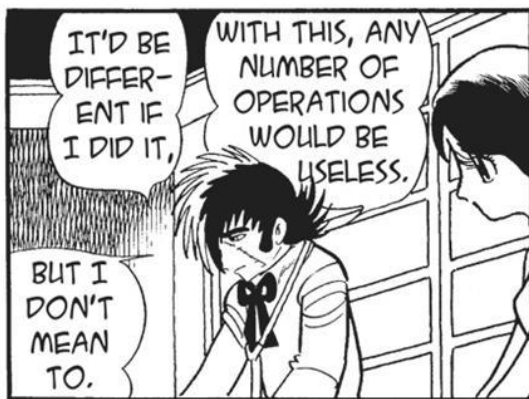
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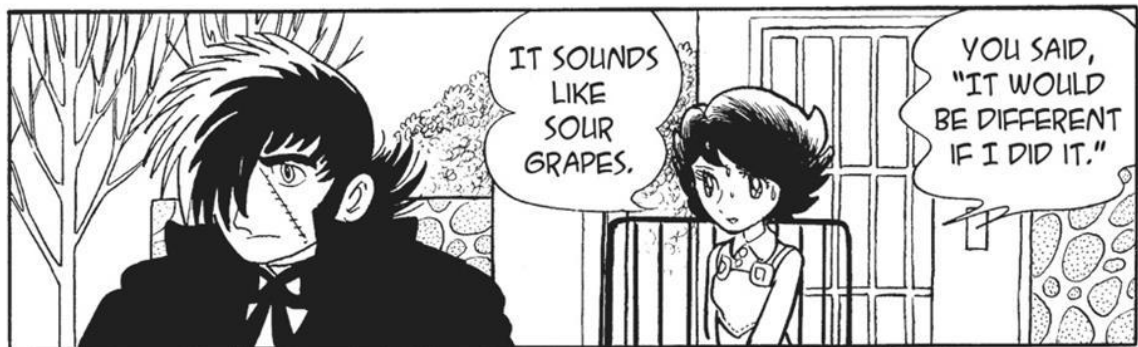


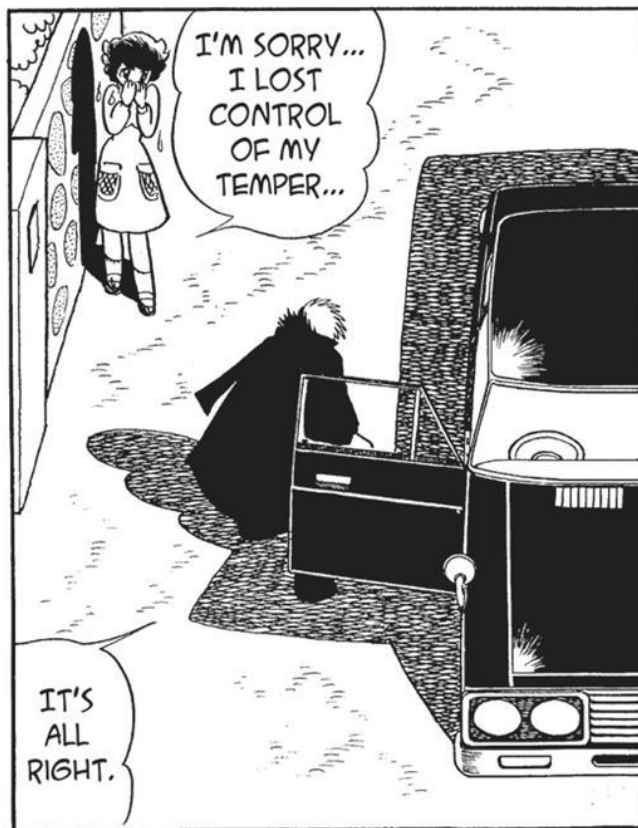


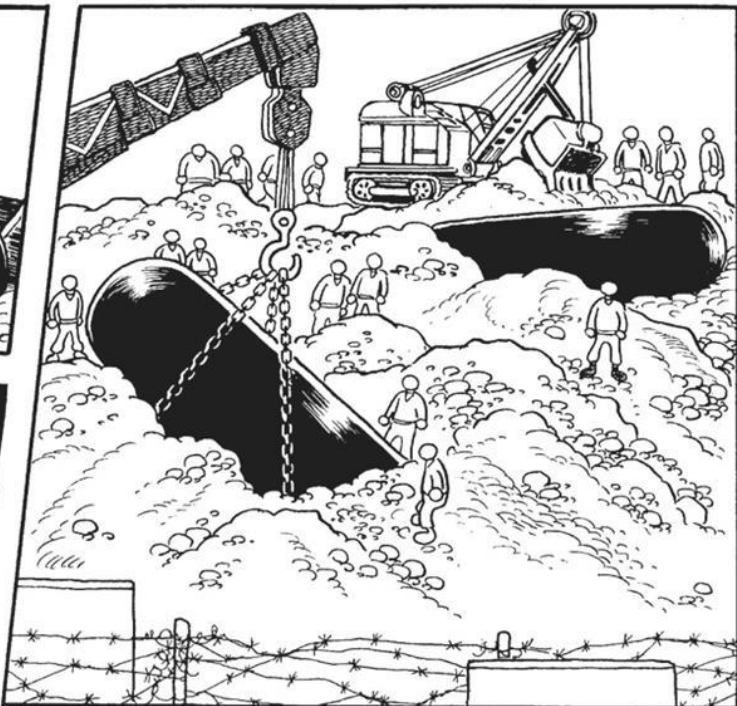
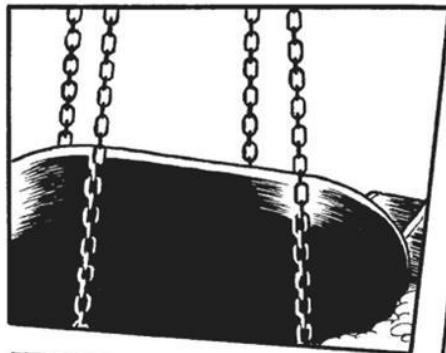


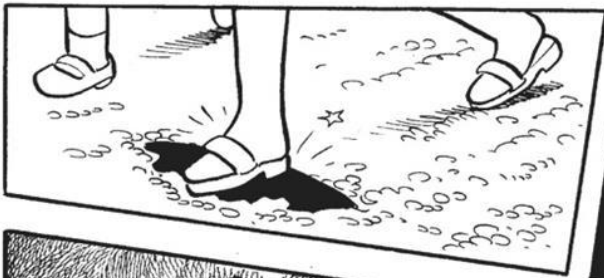


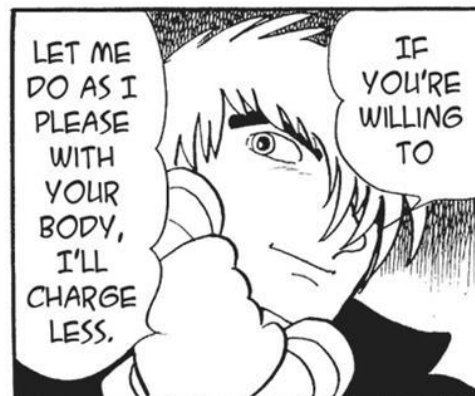
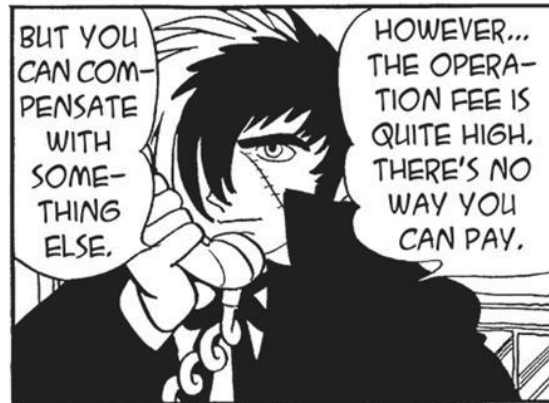


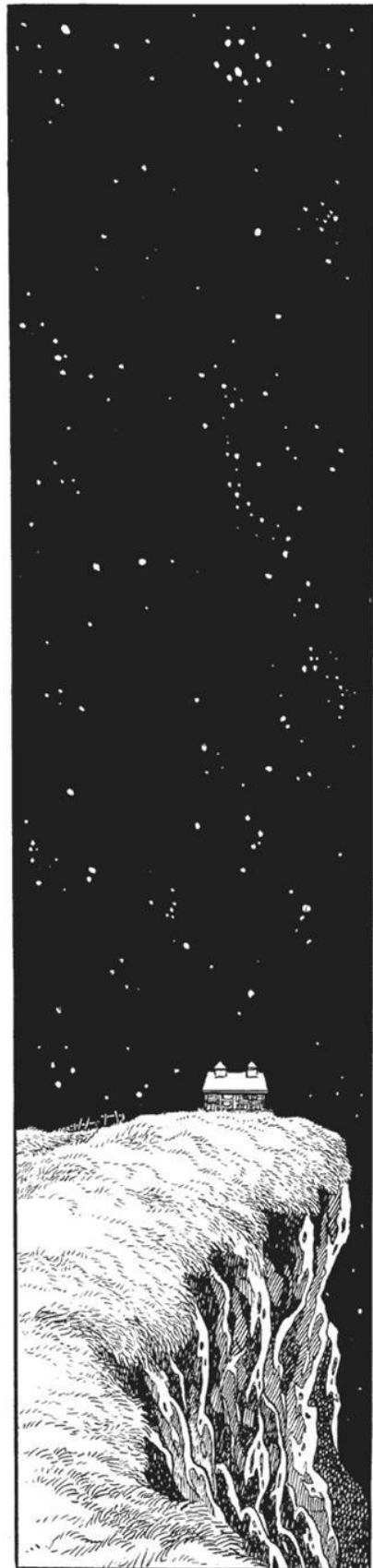


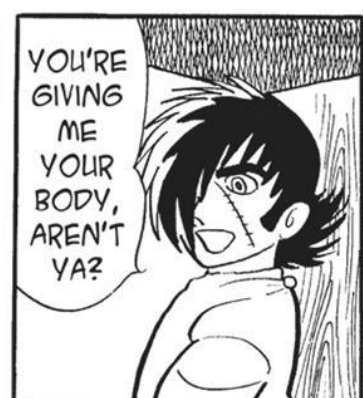
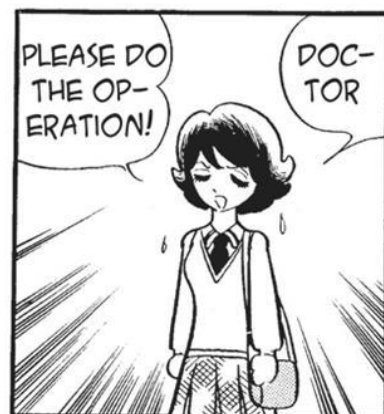




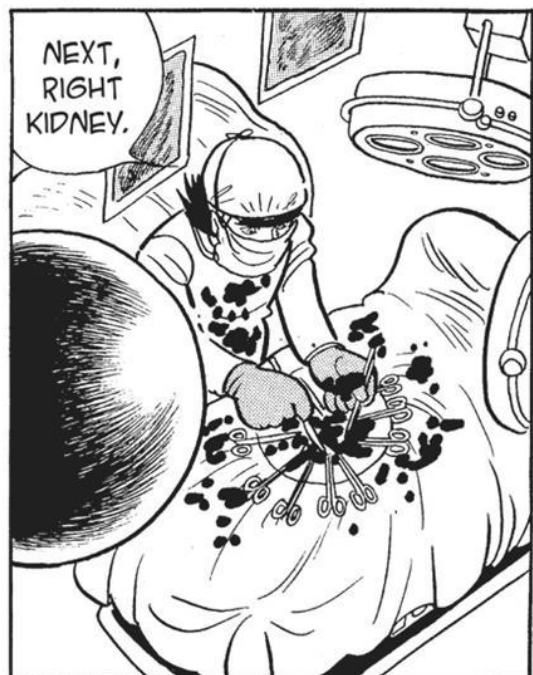
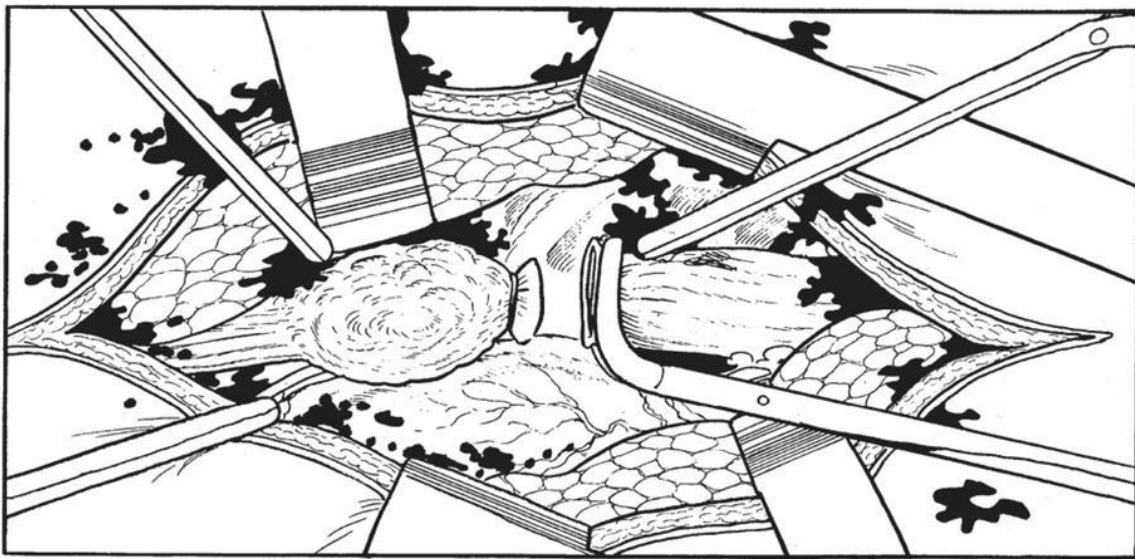


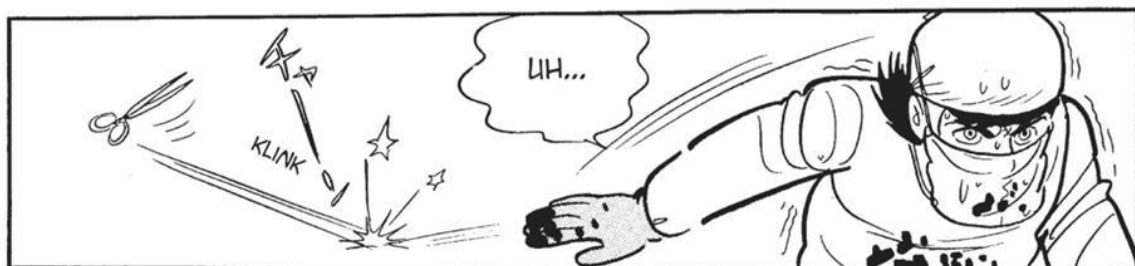
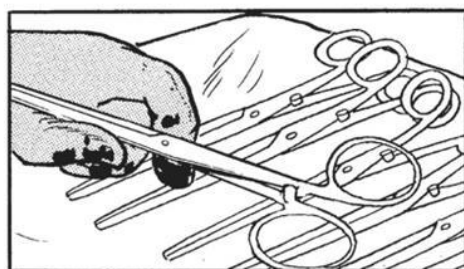
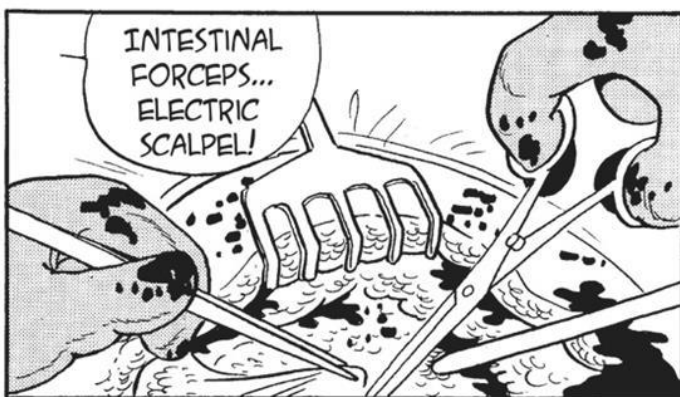




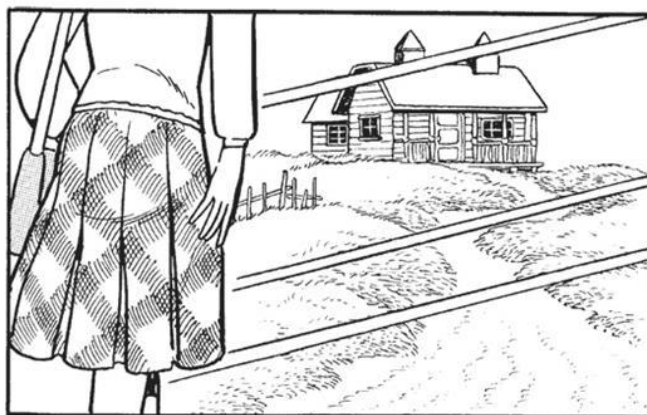


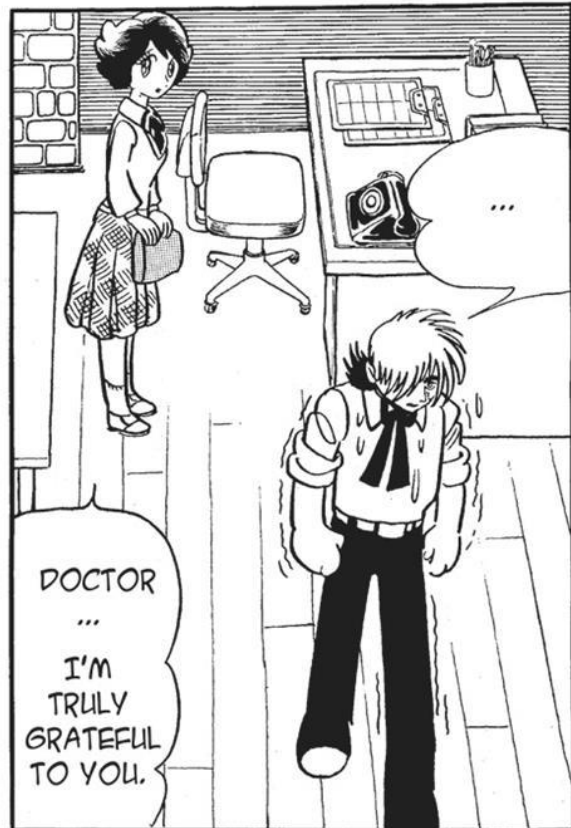
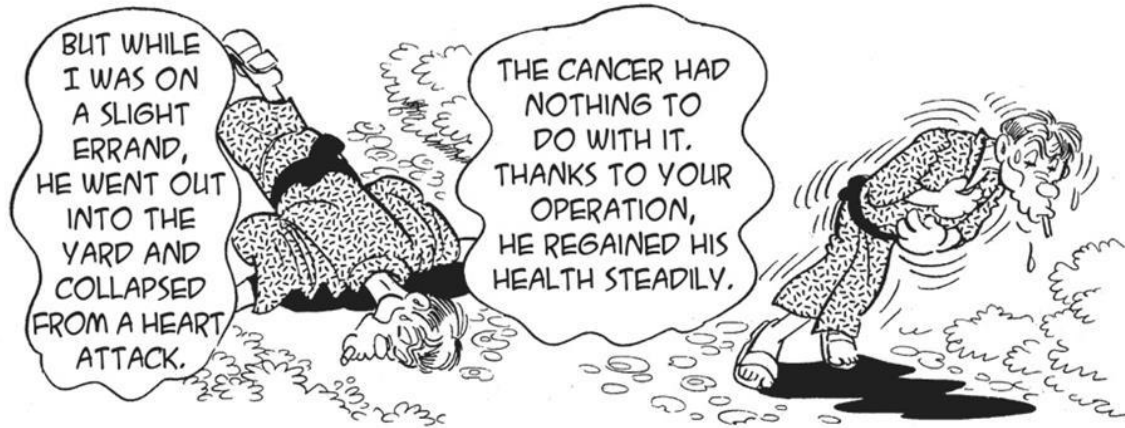


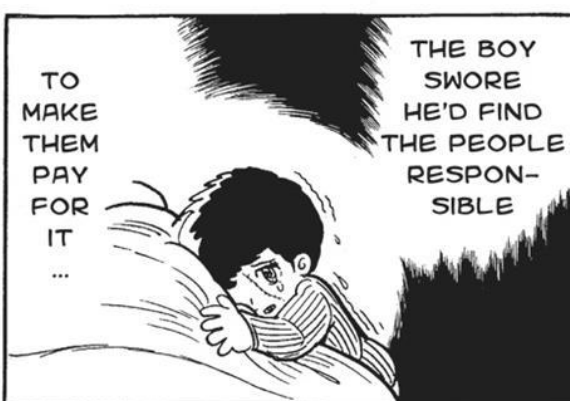
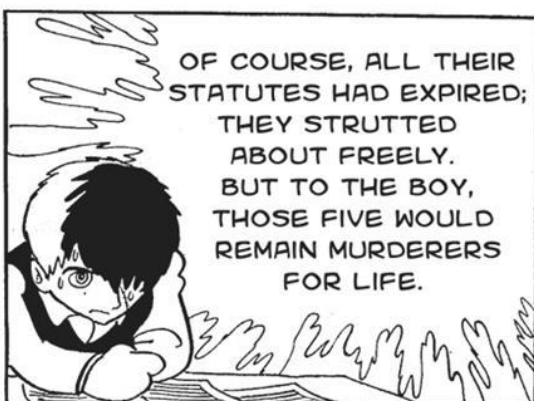
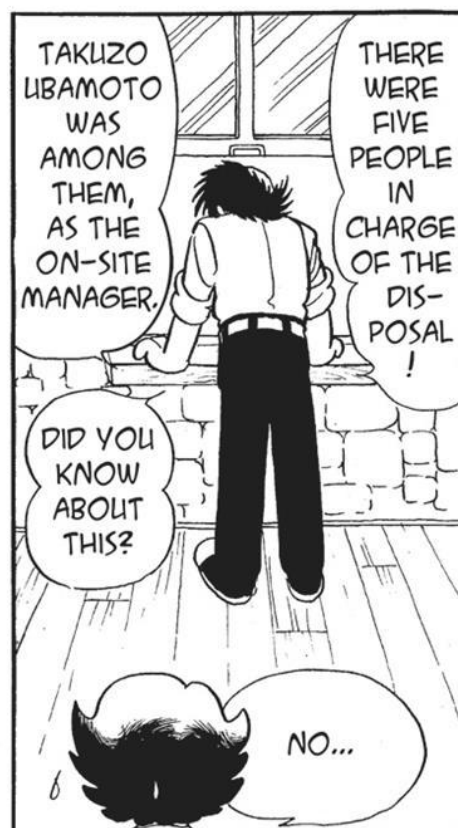
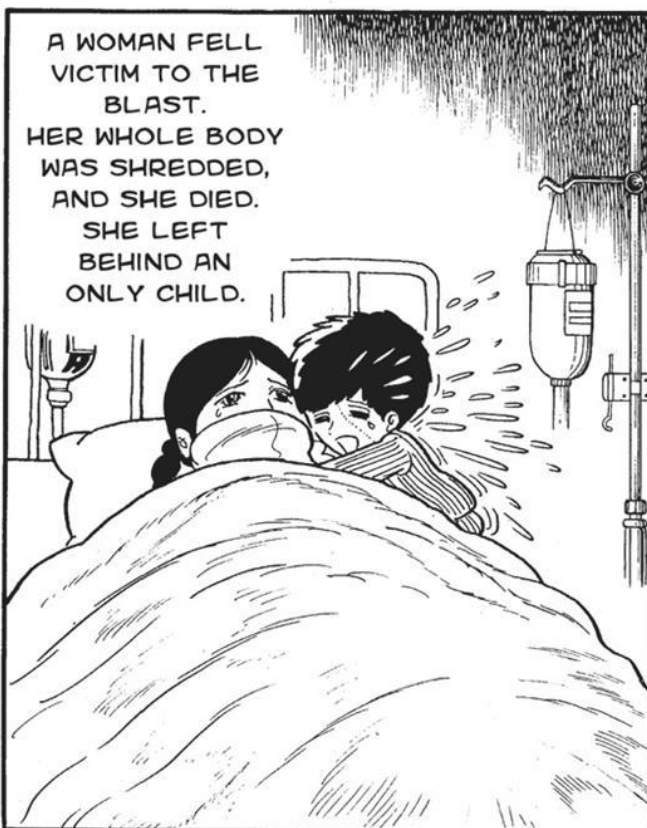


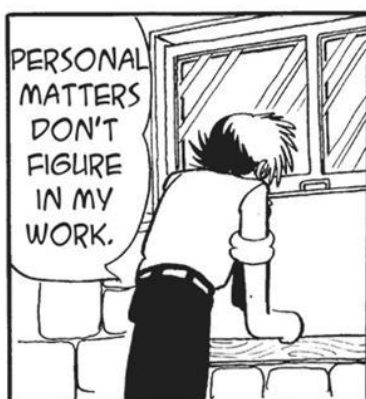


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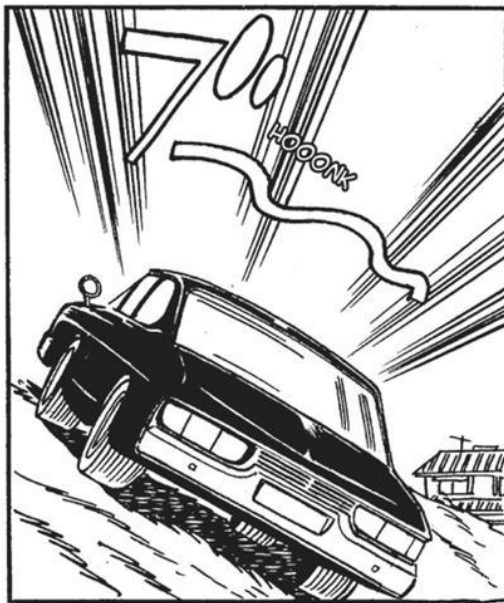




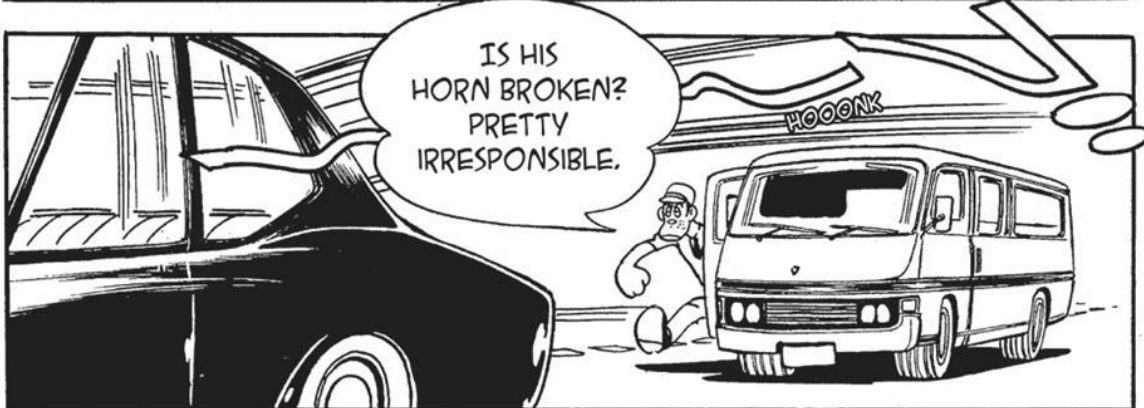
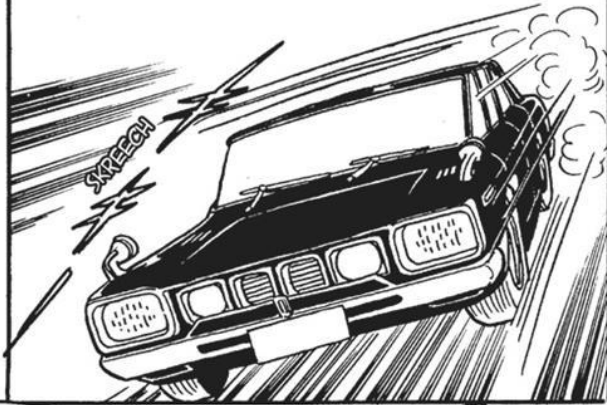


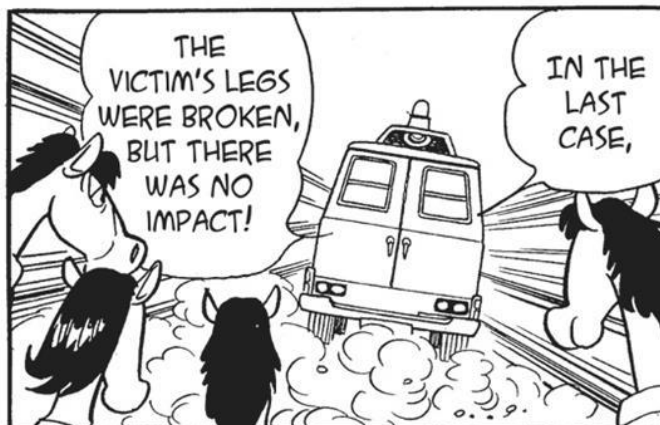
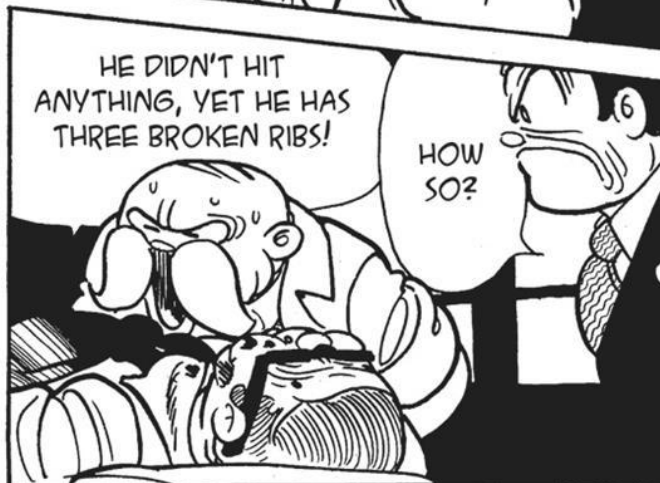


THE BOY IN THE SEALED ROOM



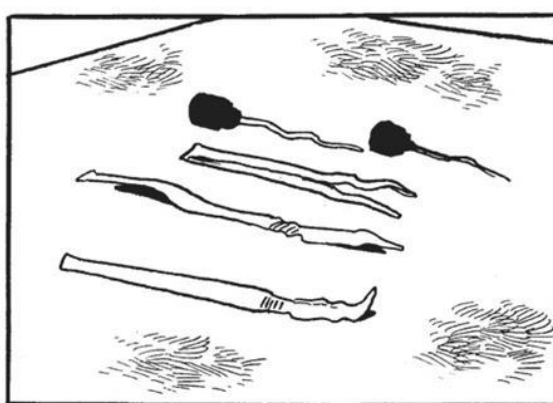
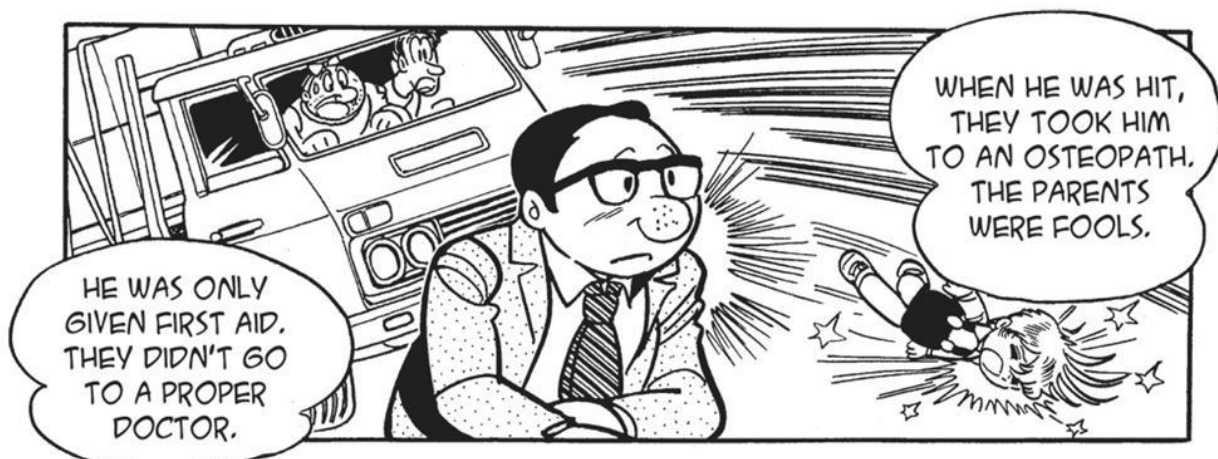
THIS STORY IS NOT FICTION.
MANY SIMILAR CASES OCCUR
AROUND THE WORLD.
TOMORROW IT MAY
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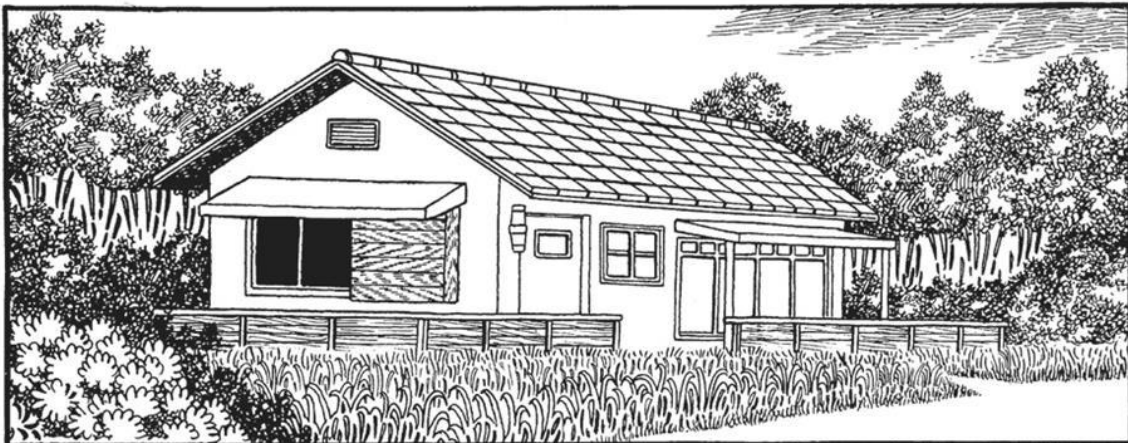
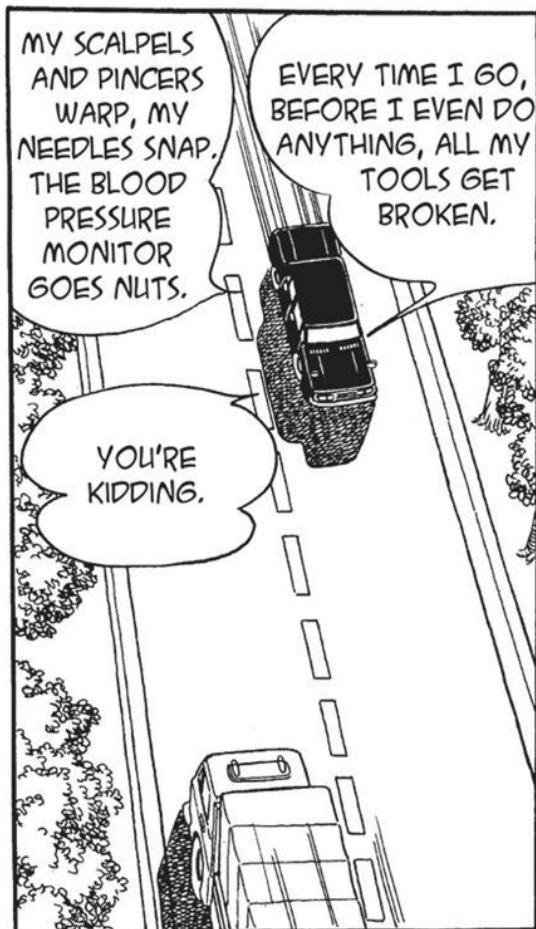


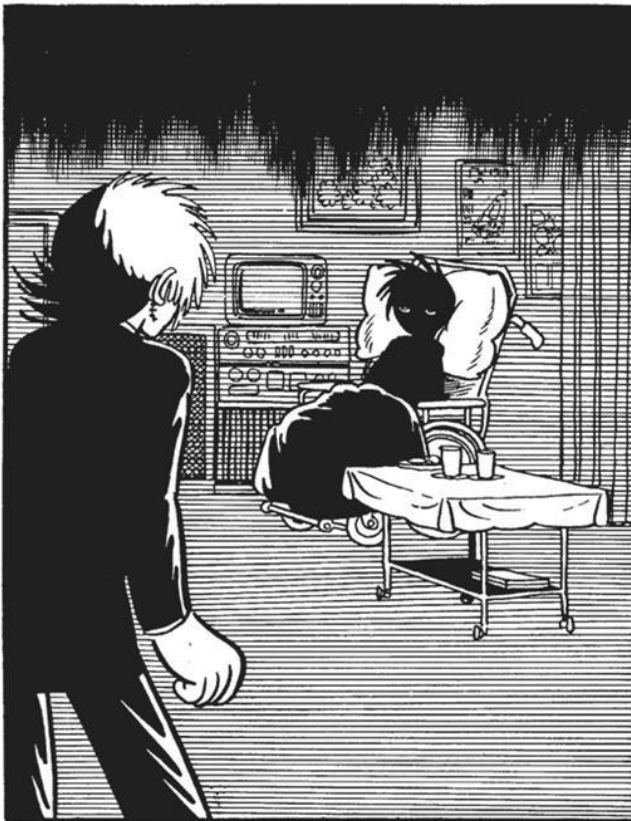
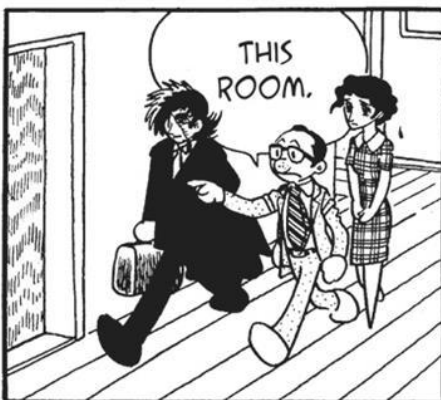


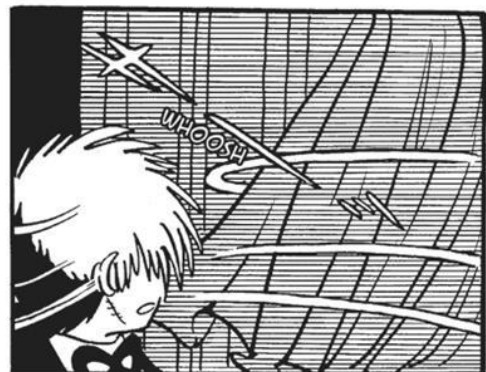
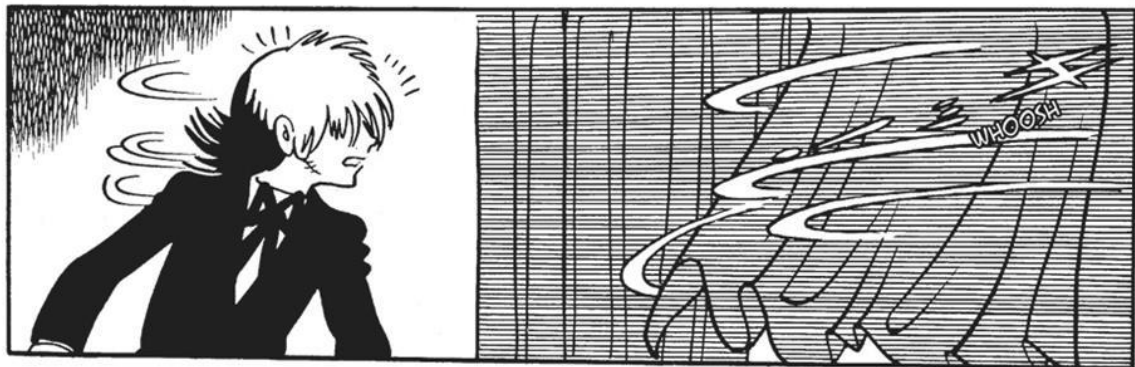
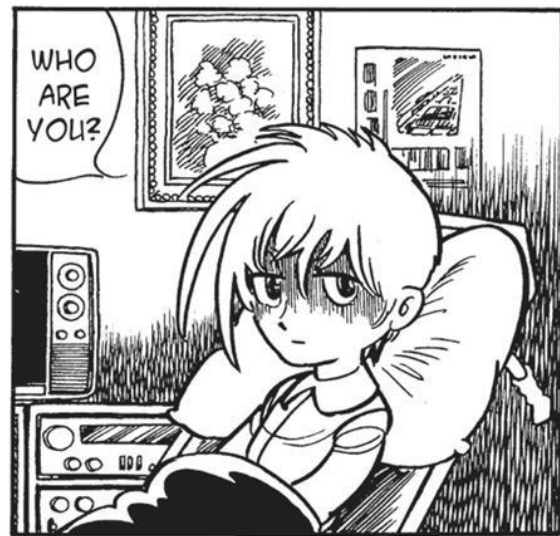
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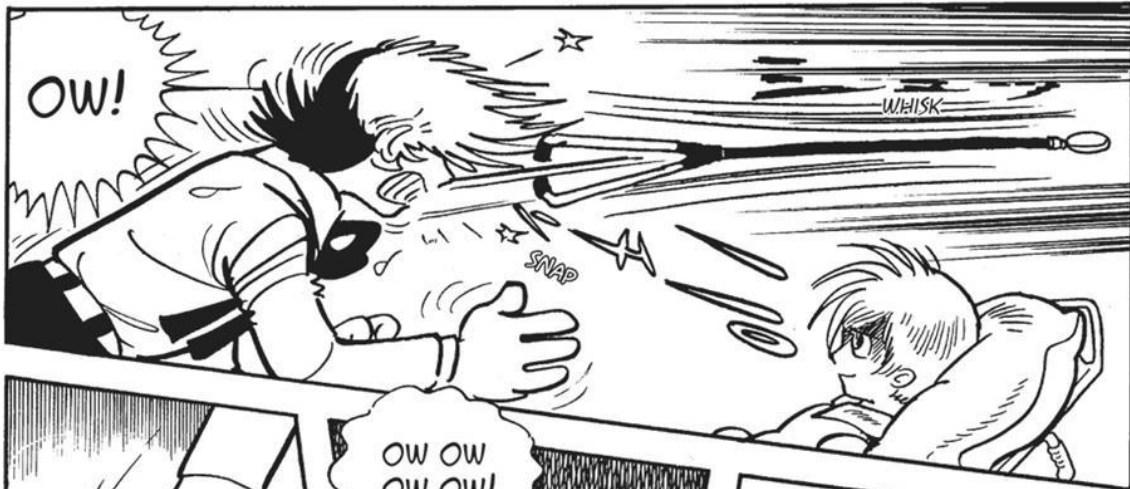
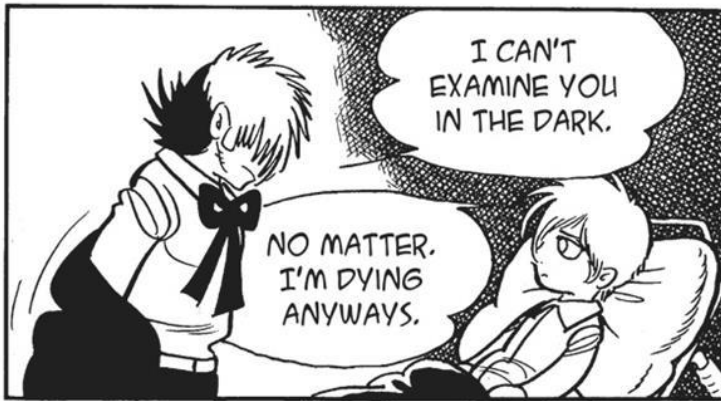






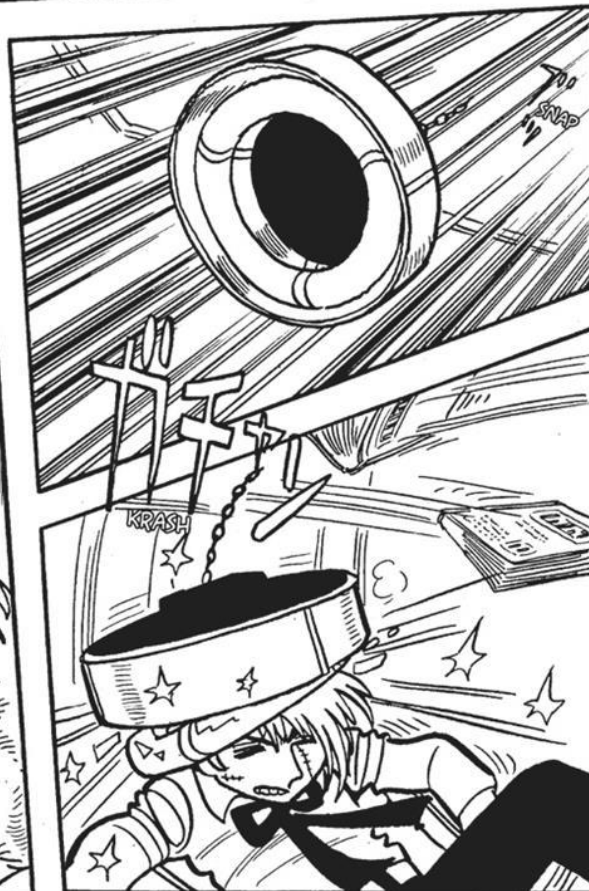
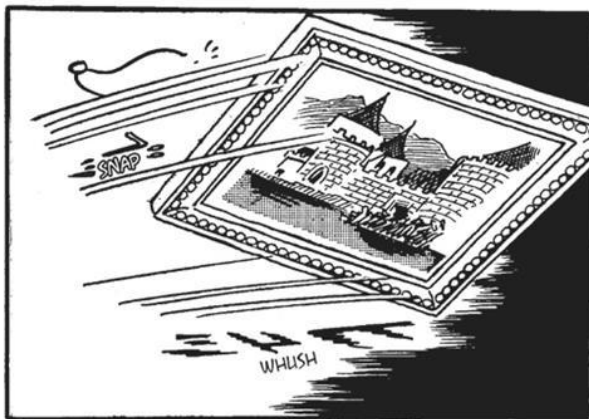




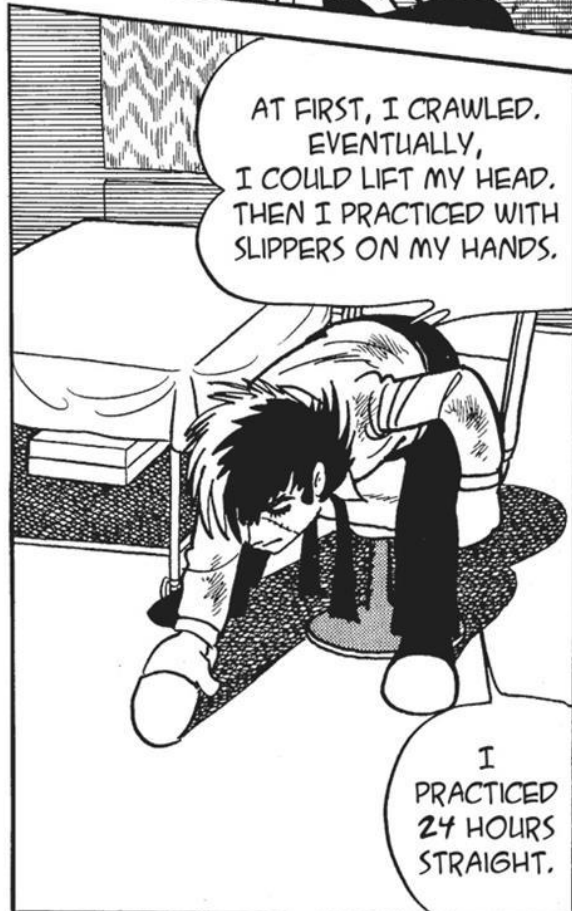


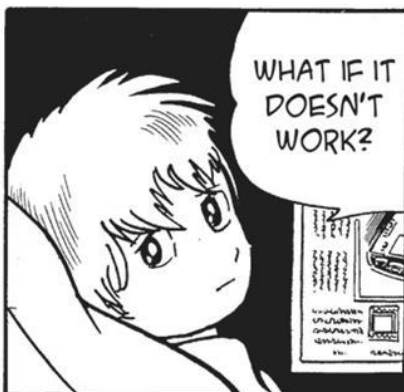
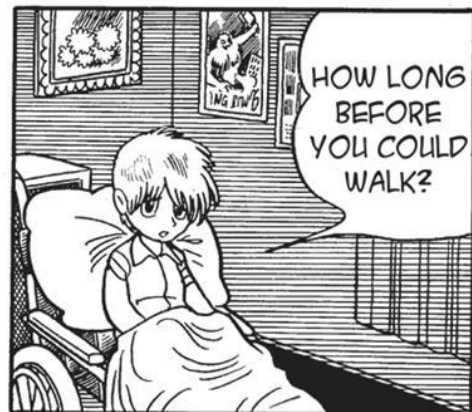




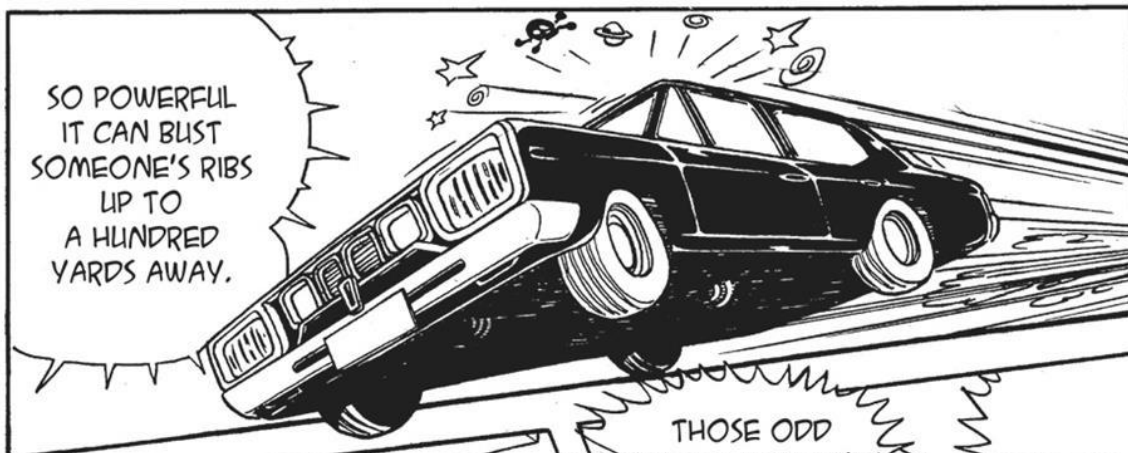
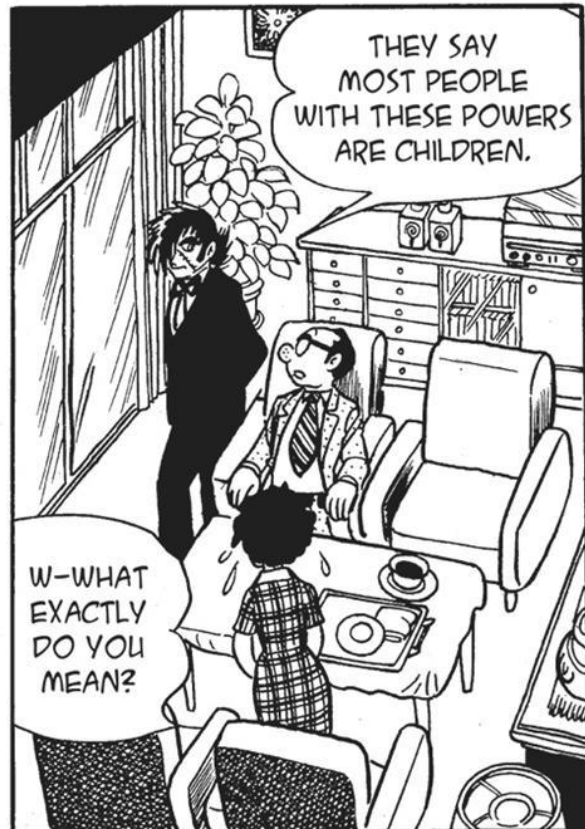


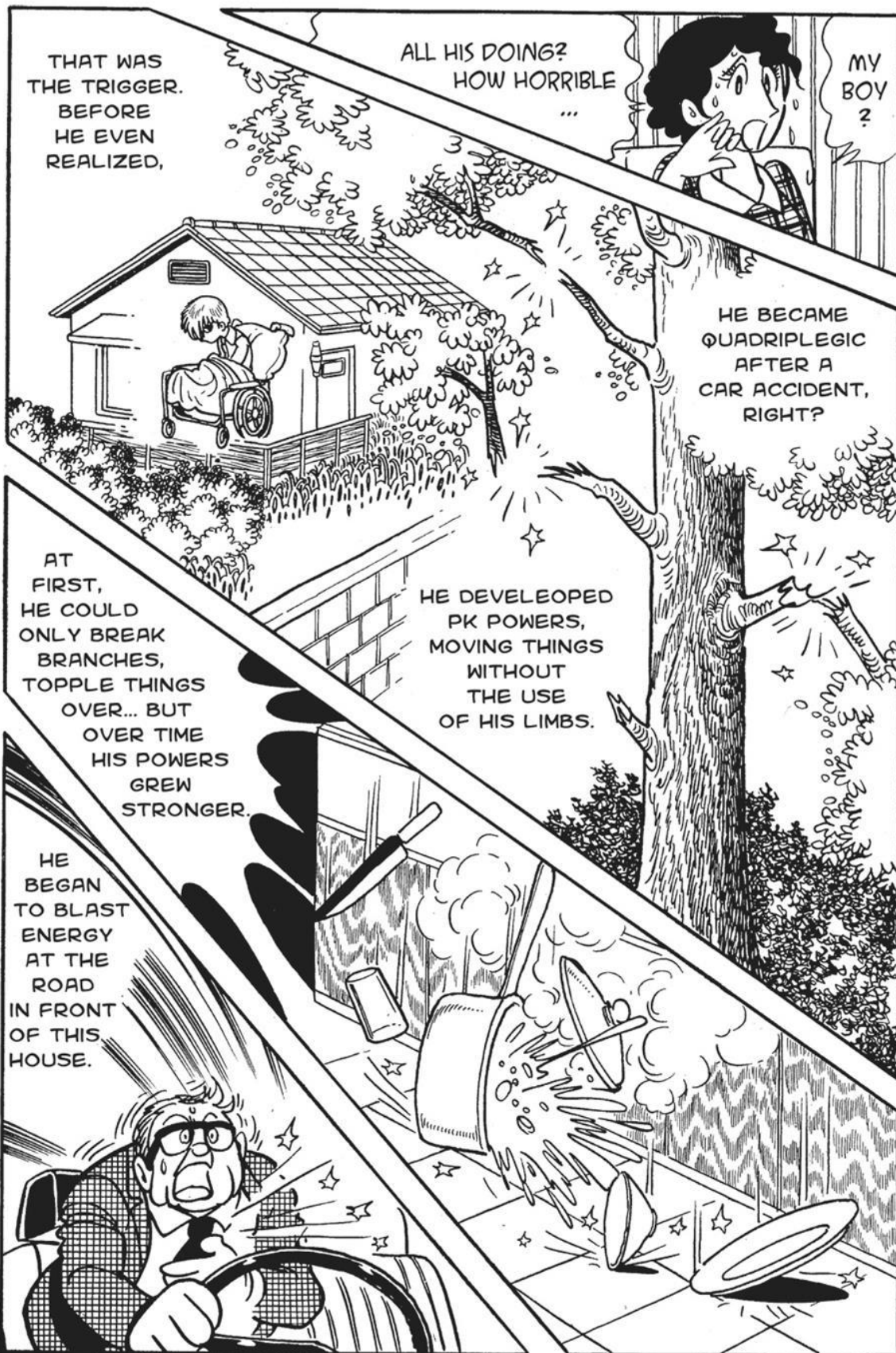






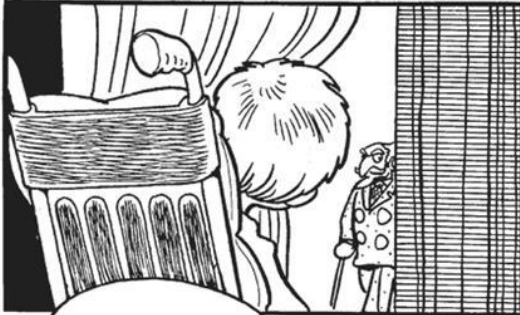












I'M YOUR FRIEND.



IF YOU REALLY HAVE PK,

I CAN HELP YOU DEVELOP IT.



DON'T BE SCARED. I AM DR. GHOUL OF T.U.

HEY, SON.

CAN YOU SHOW ME?

SON, I HEARD YOU HAVE PK.



YOU'RE SUPER-HUMAN!

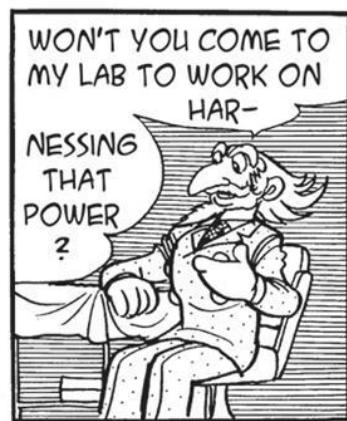


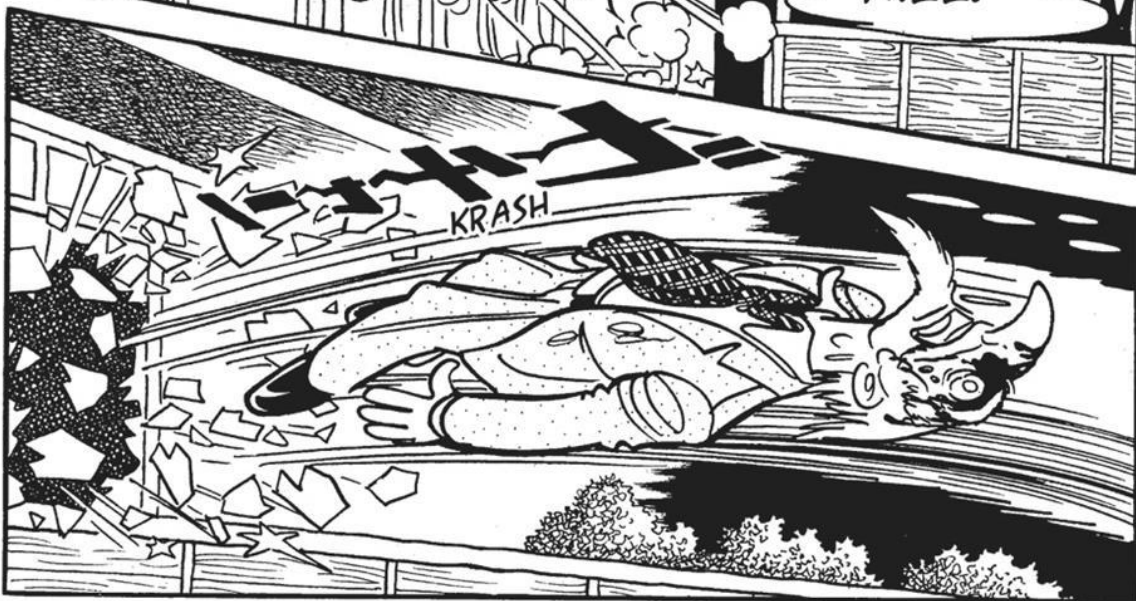
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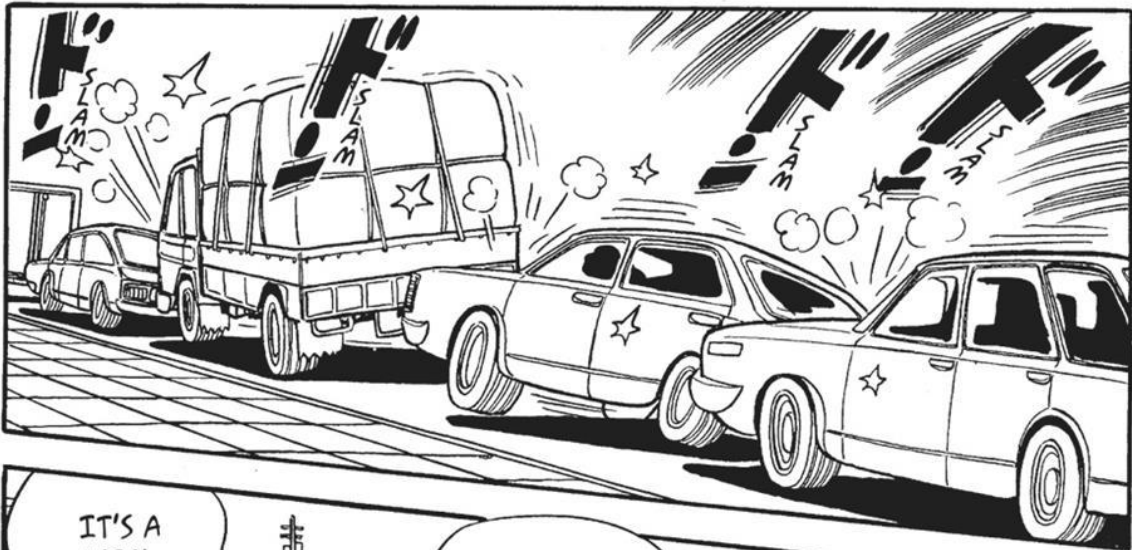
HAVING PK, OR TELEPATHY,



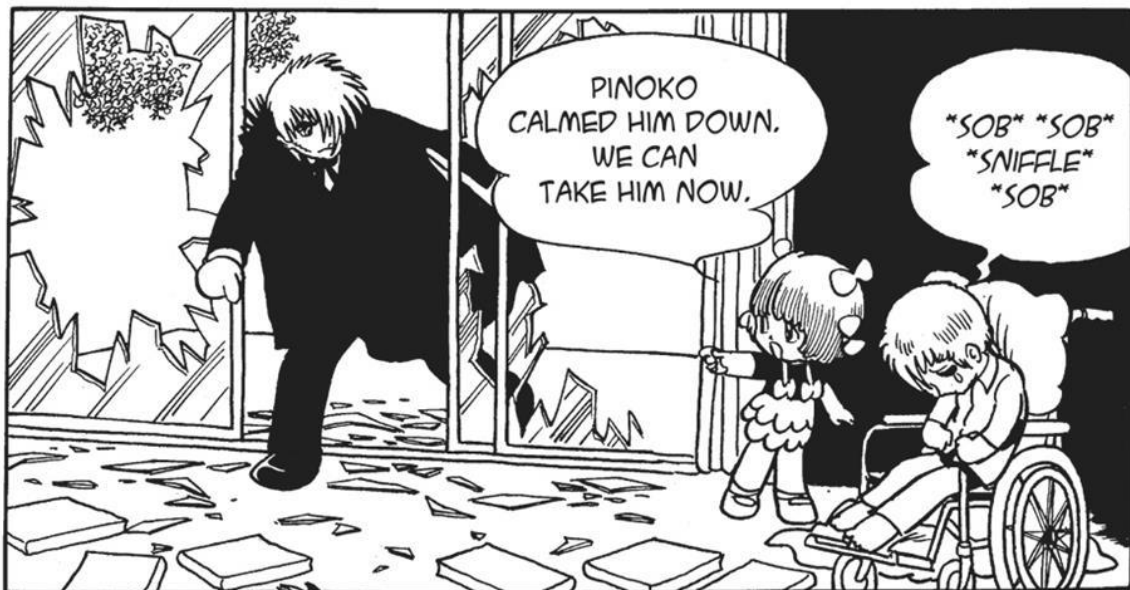


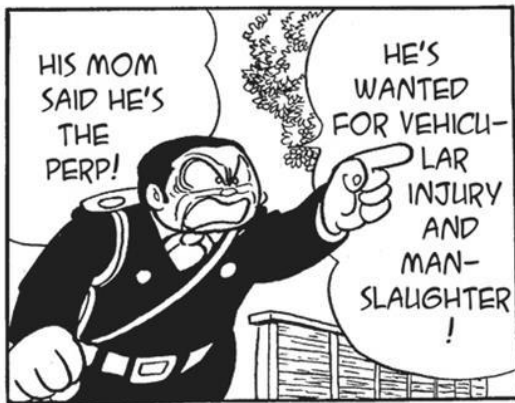








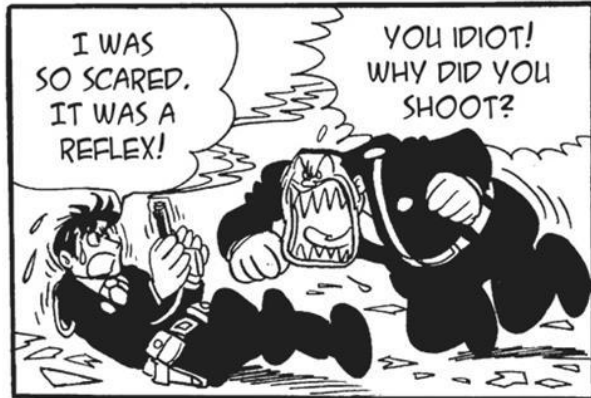








D-DOCTOR...
SURGERY...



I WAS
SO SCARED.
IT WAS A
REFLEX!

YOU IDIOT!
WHY DID YOU
SHOOT?



YOU'LL HEAL
MY ARMS
AND LEGS,
RIGHT?

YEAH, I'LL
OPERATE.
JUST
WAIT!



HANG IN
THERE, KID.
DON'T DIE.



CALL AN
AMBULANCE.
BLOOD
TRANS-
FUSION!

YEAH.



I'LL WORK
HARD...
JUST LIKE
YOU DID...AND
GET BETTER.



A
COMA
...



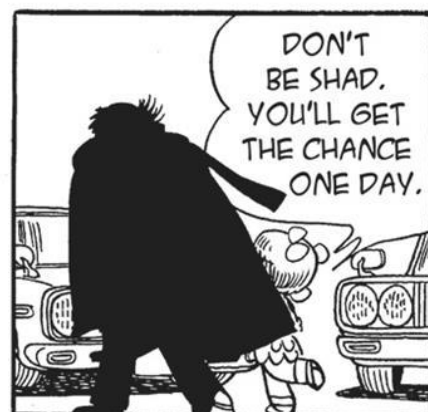
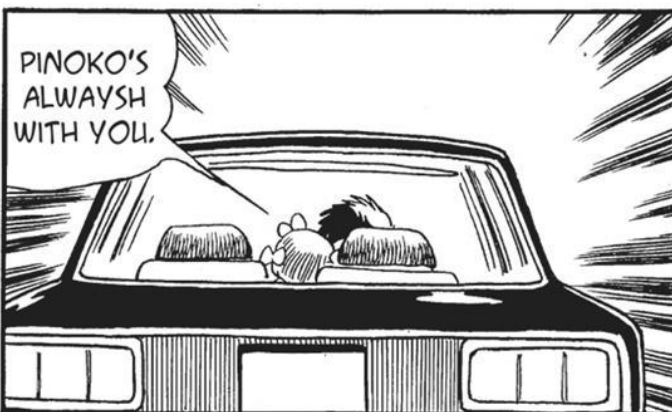
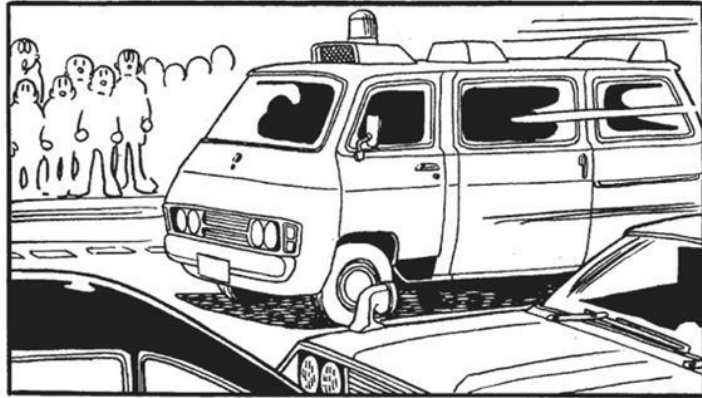
WHERE'S
THE
AMBULANCE
?



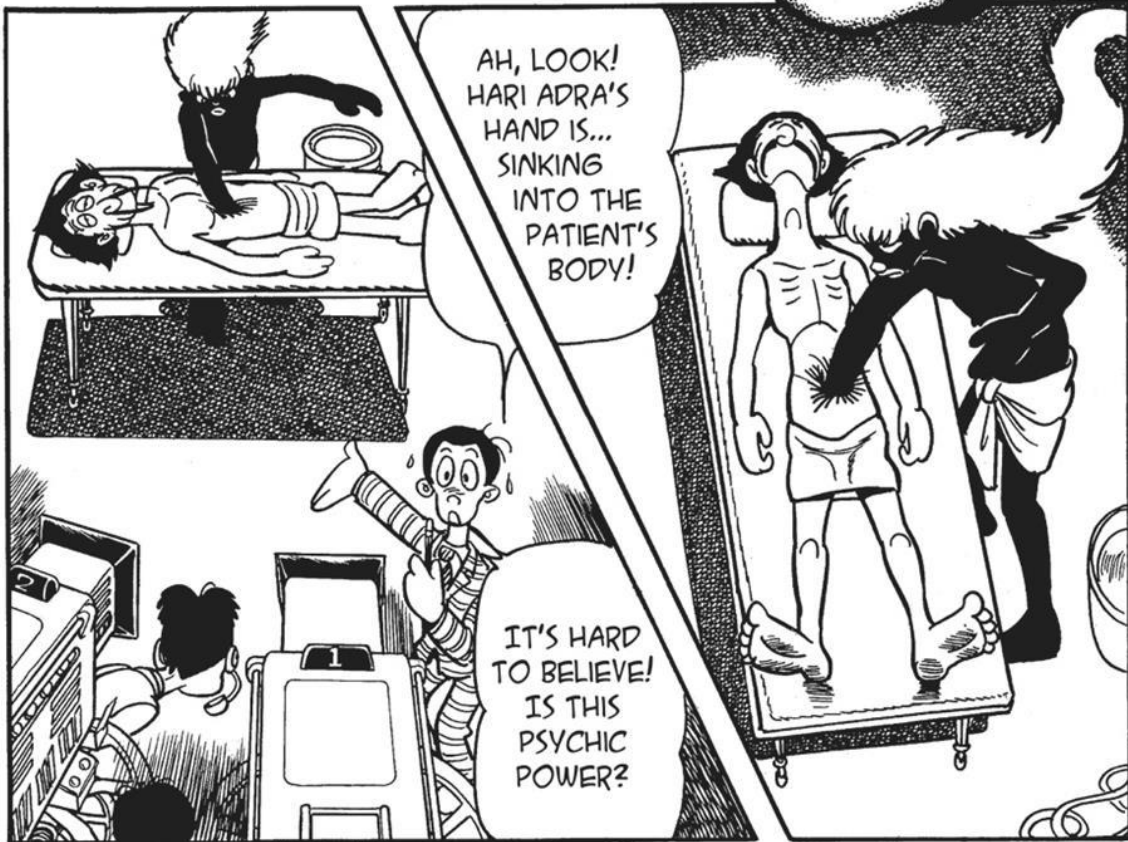
IF YOU HEAL ME,
I WON'T HAVE THIS
POWER ANYMORE,
RIGHT?

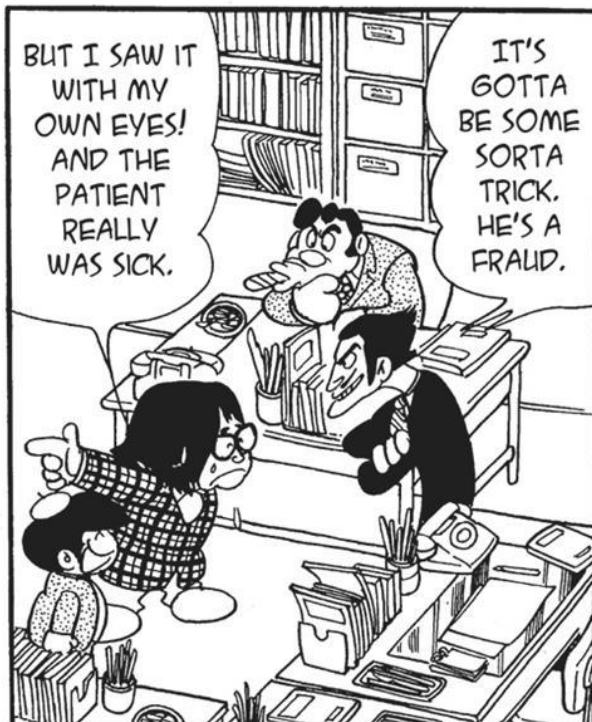
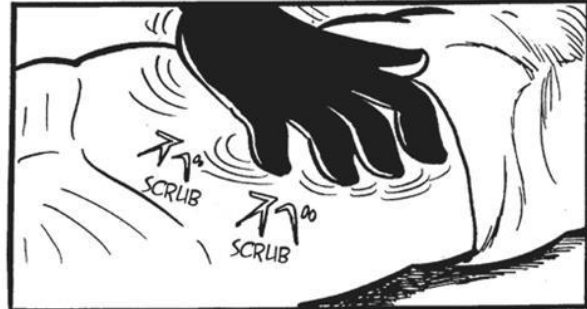
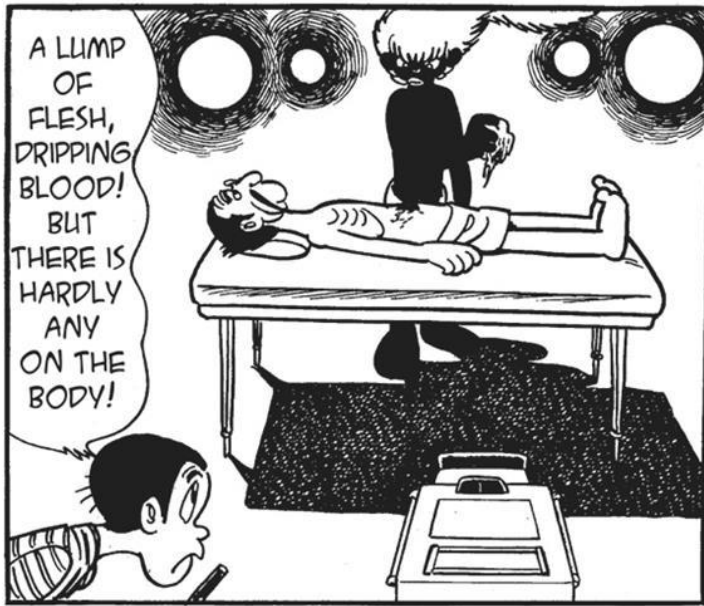
I
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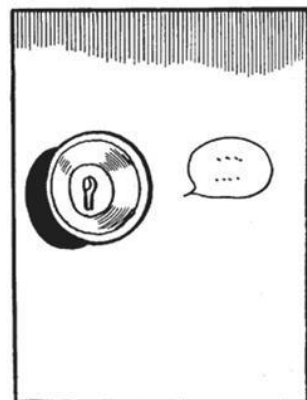
OF COURSE
YOU CAN.
YOU'LL BE
NORMAL.

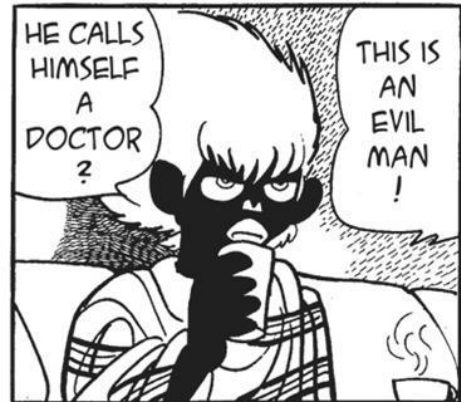
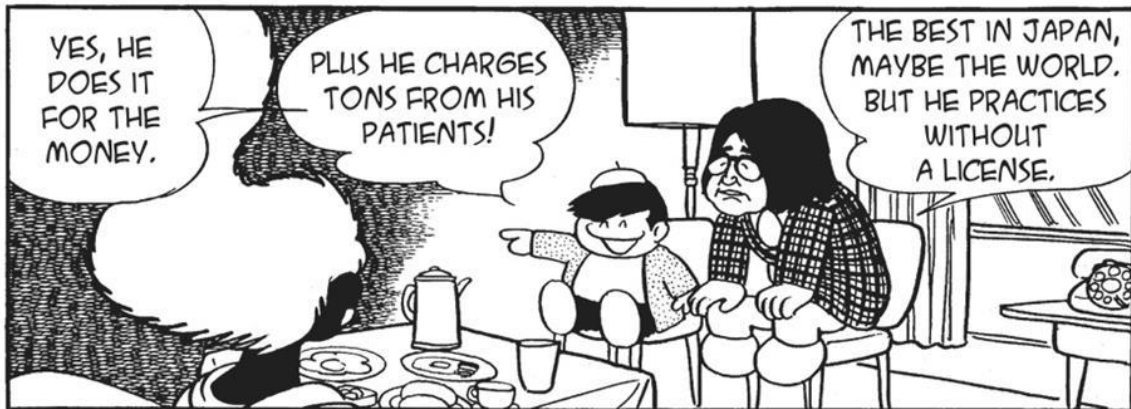


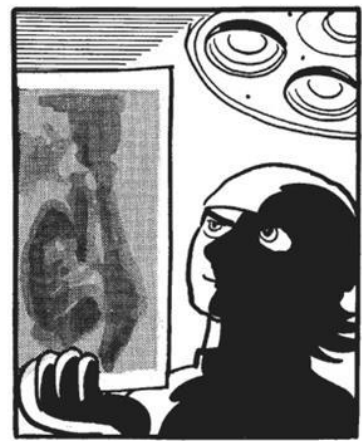
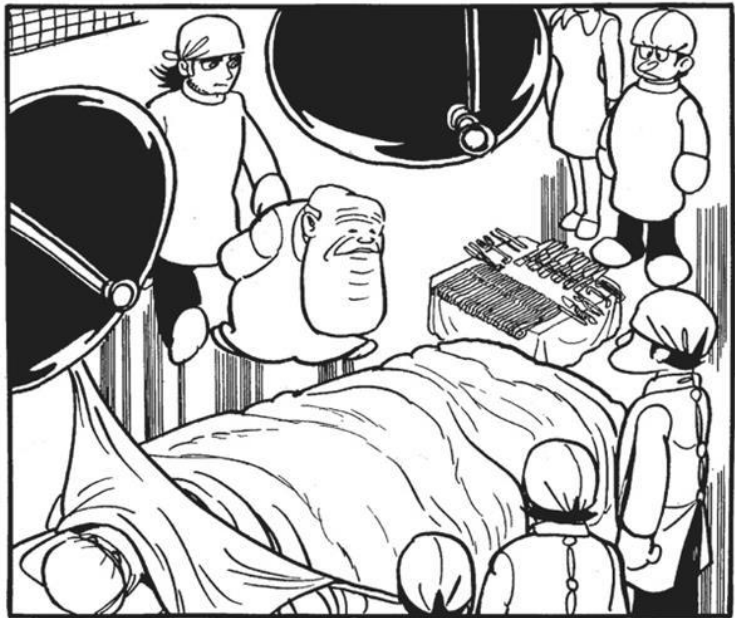
SAVE THE BABY!

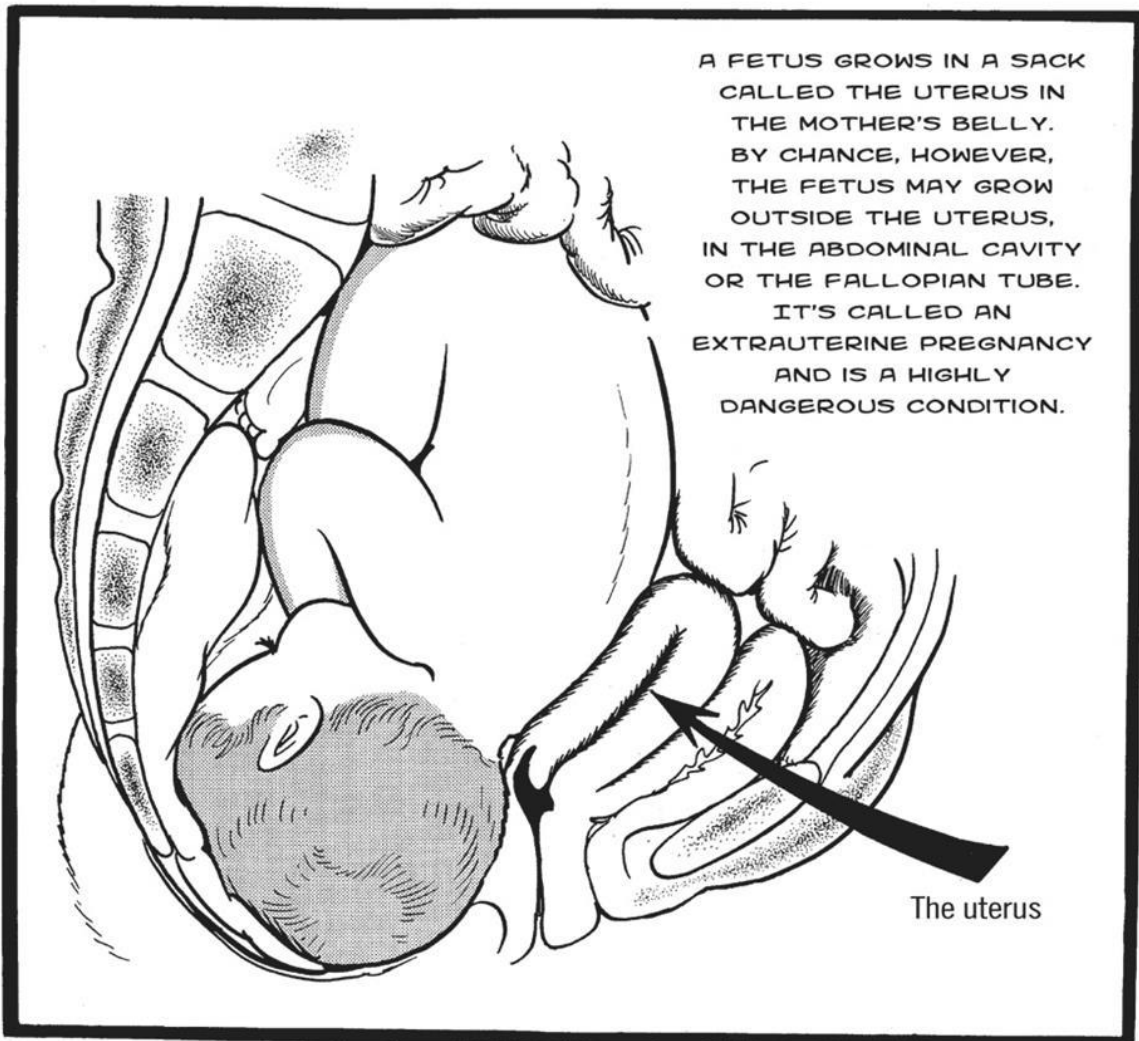


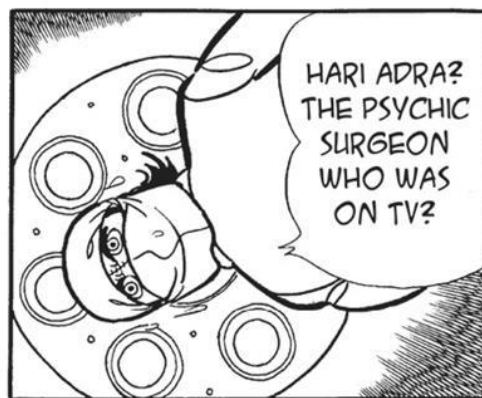


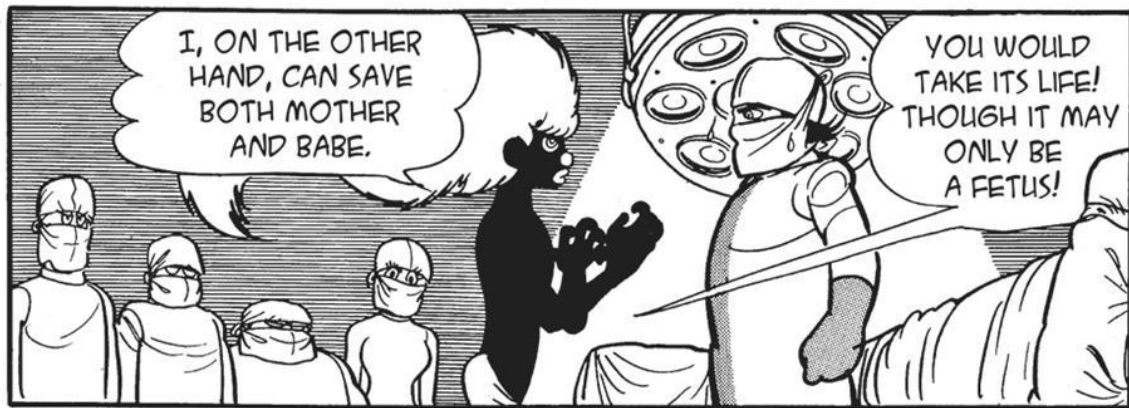


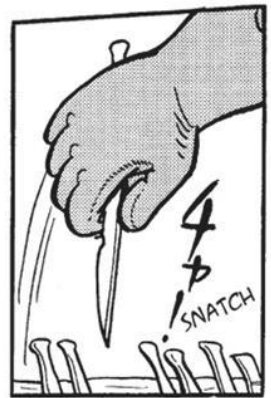
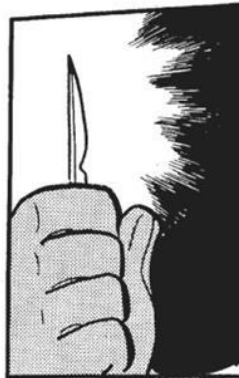
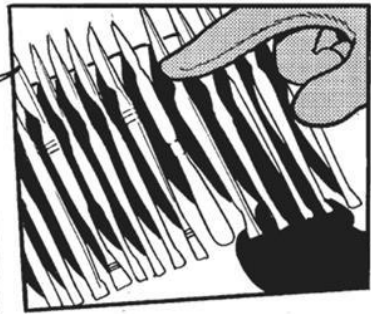
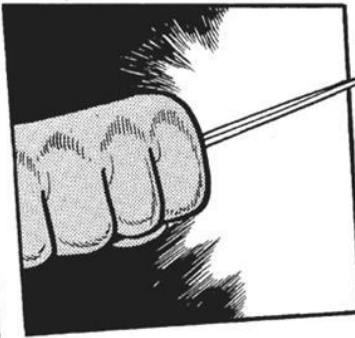


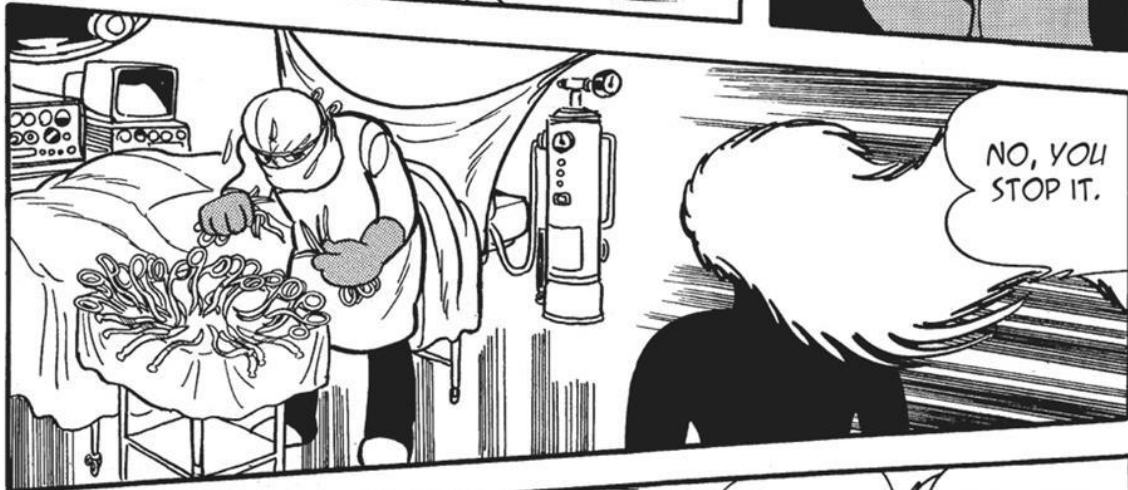




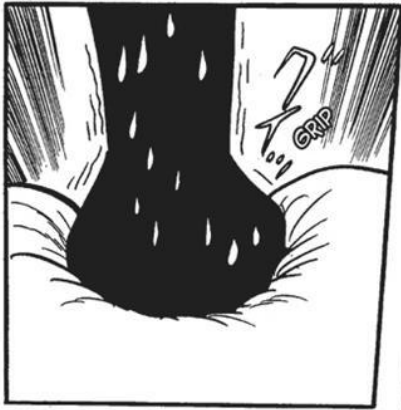






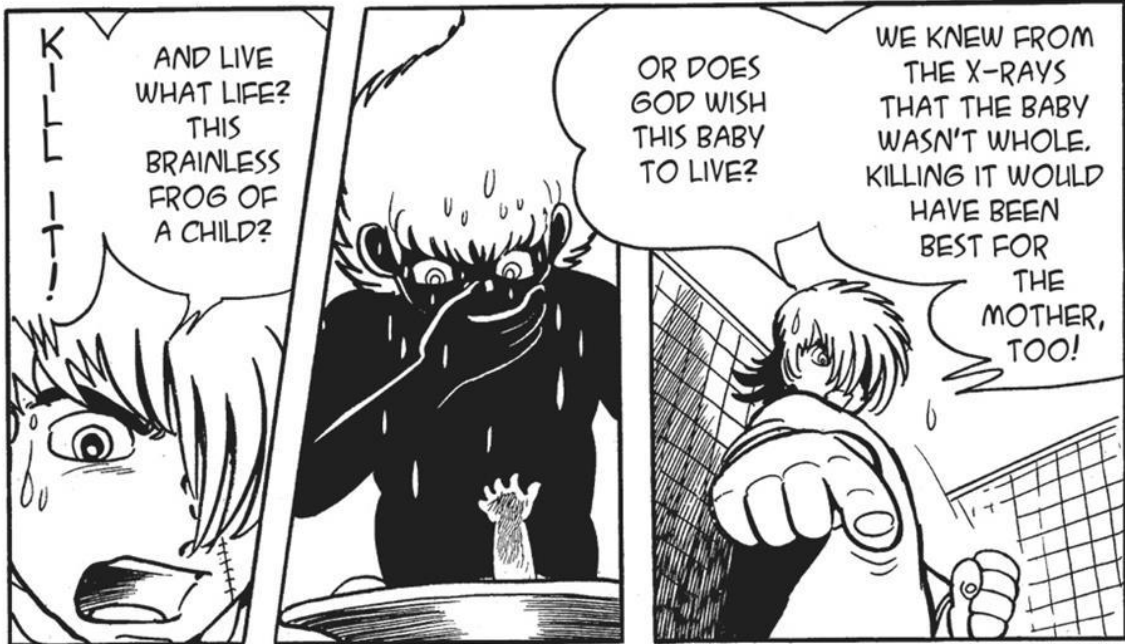




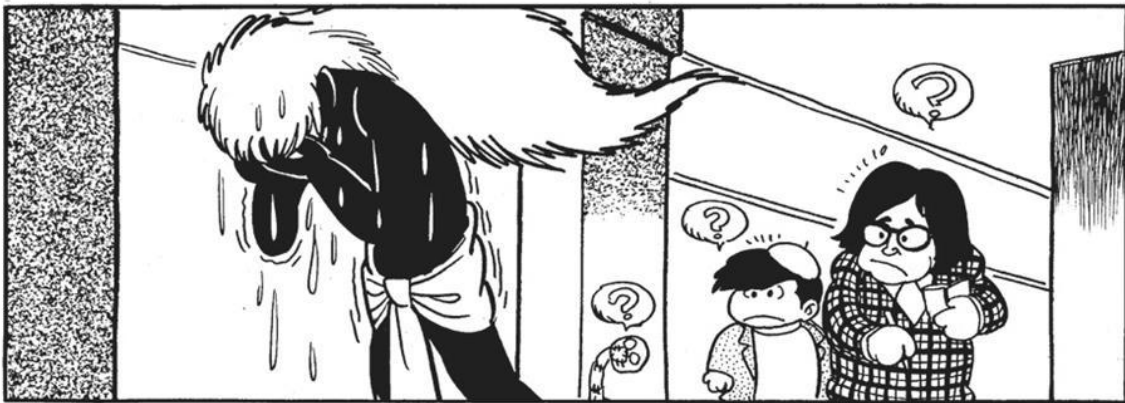


ANENCEPHALY

A TYPE OF
DEFORMITY
WHERE THE BABY
ENTIRELY LACKS
A CEREBRUM.
NATURALLY,
THIS VERY RARE
DEFECT IS NOT
SURVIVABLE.

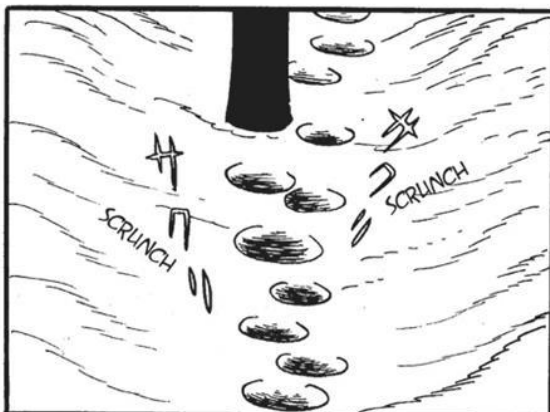
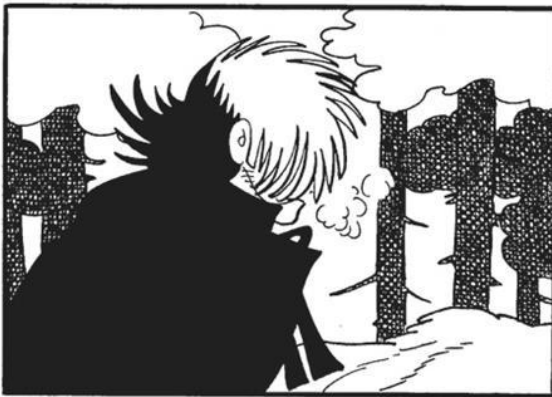




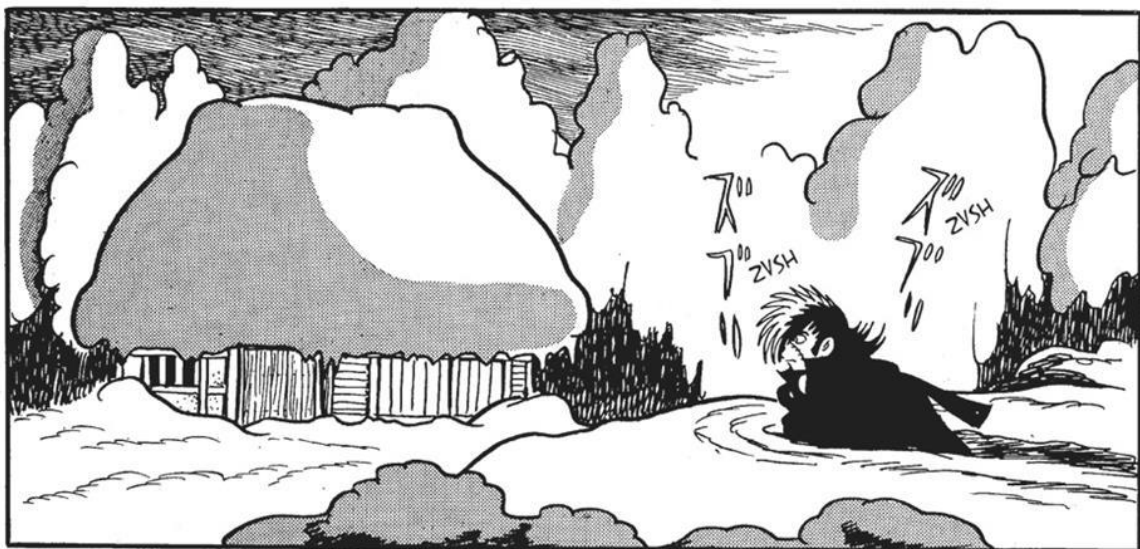
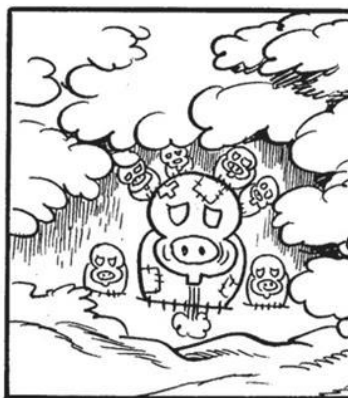
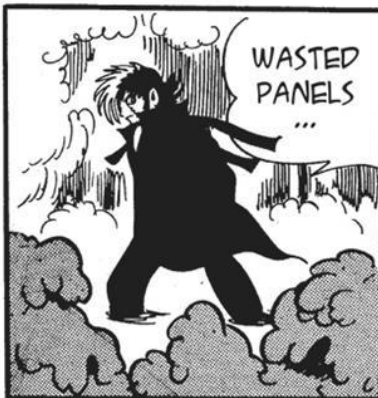
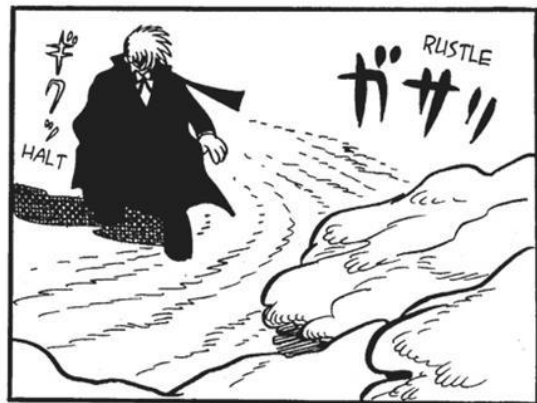


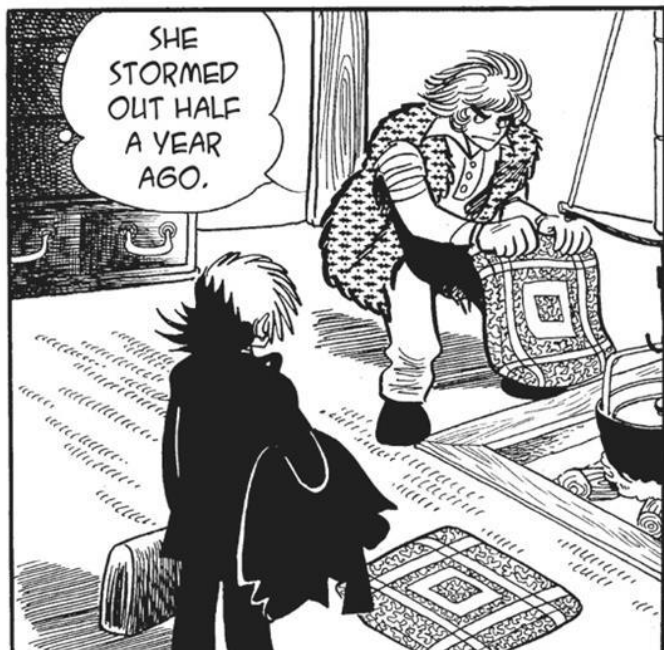
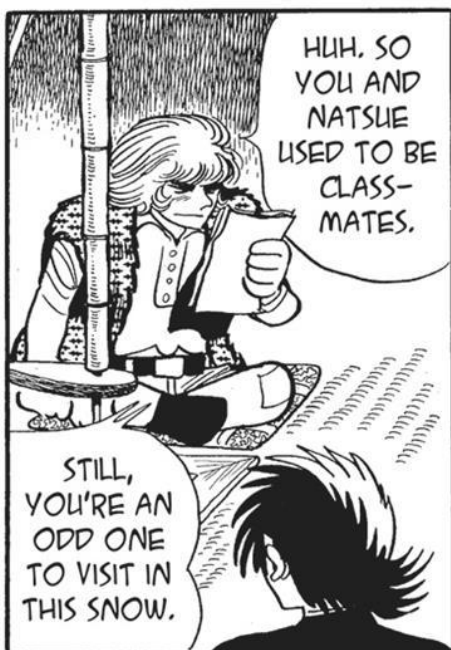
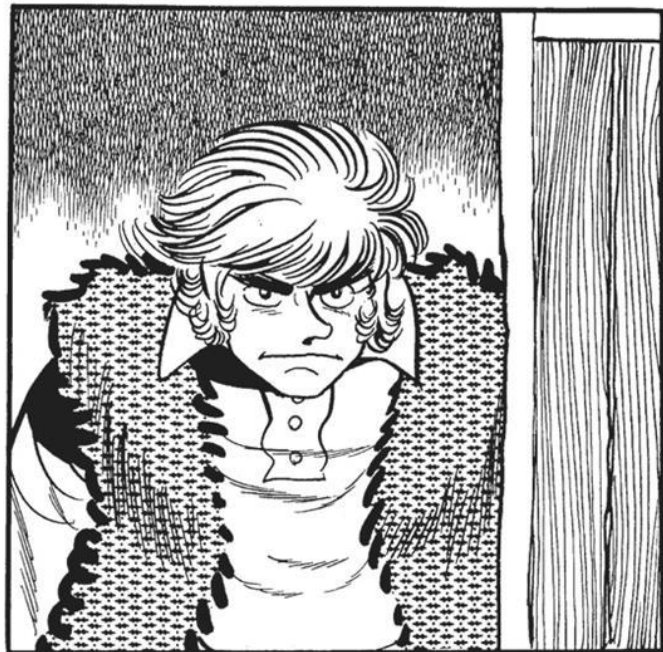
THE BEAR

I hope you remember me. We were in the same class in middle school. It's Natsu who you traded a lot of books with. Remember now? I went back to the country and live in the mountains all alone with my older brother. He's a hunter! I'm writing because I want to have you over for dinner.

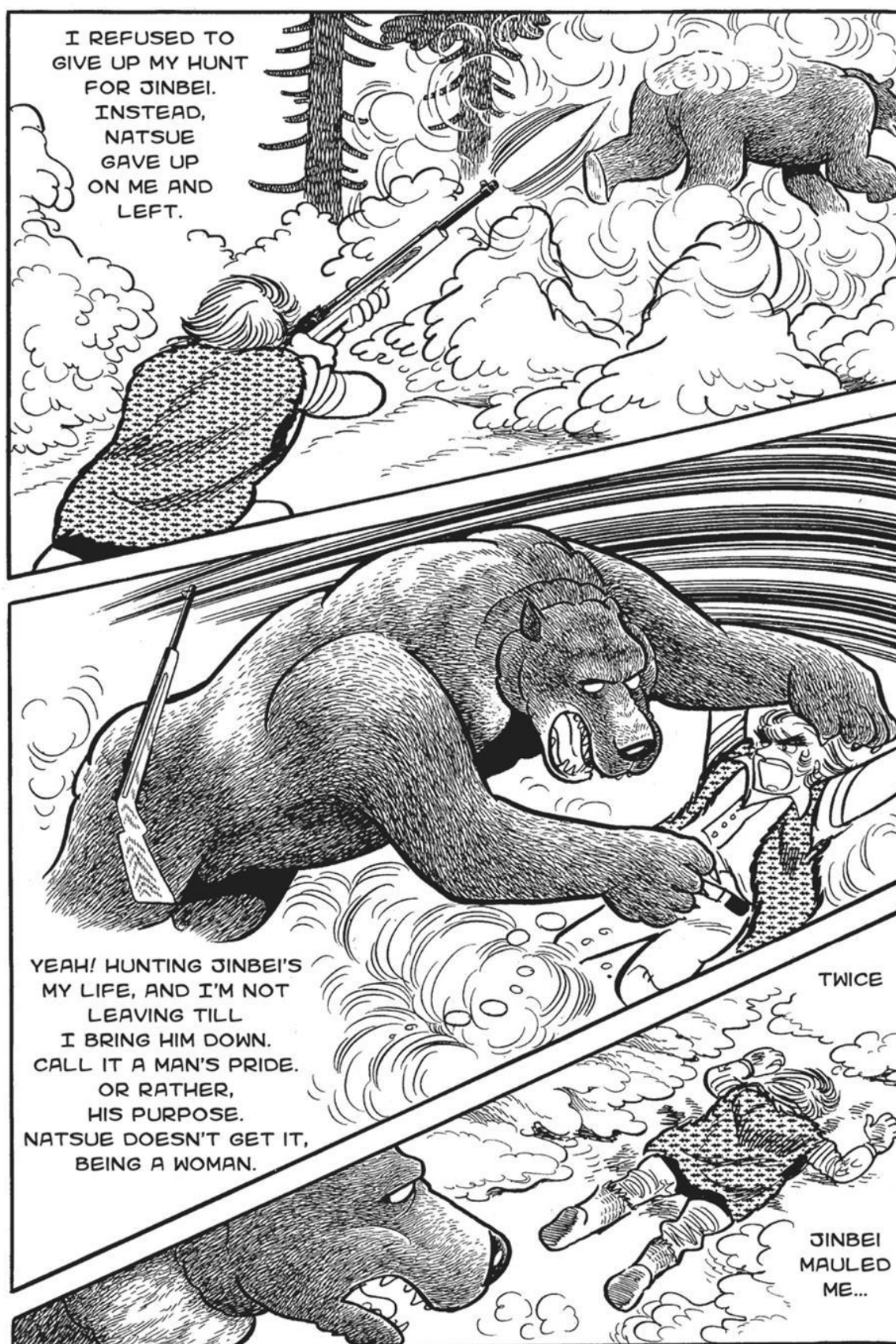


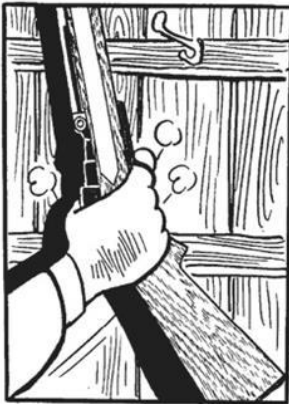
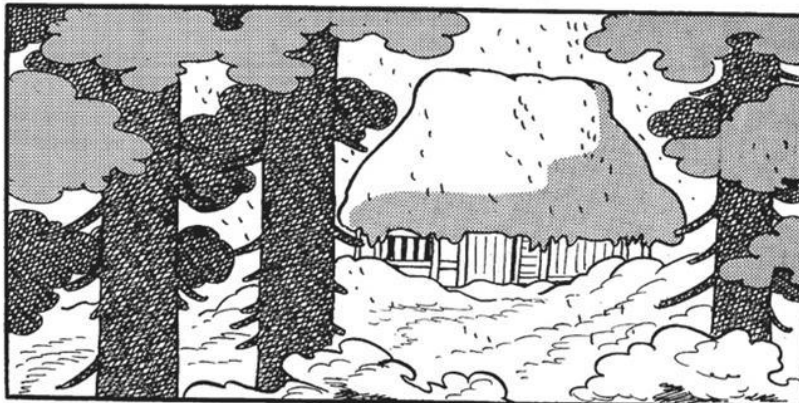
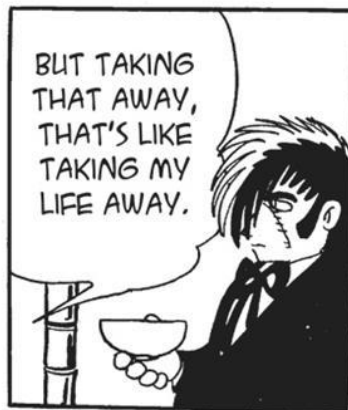
NOTE: "NATSU" MEANS SUMMER; "FUYU," WINTER.

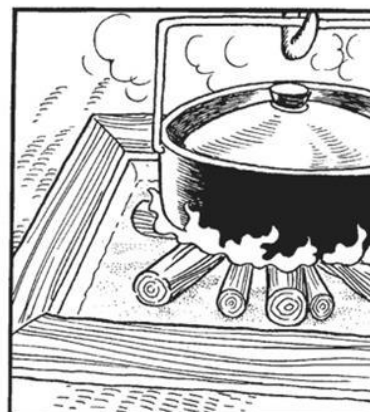






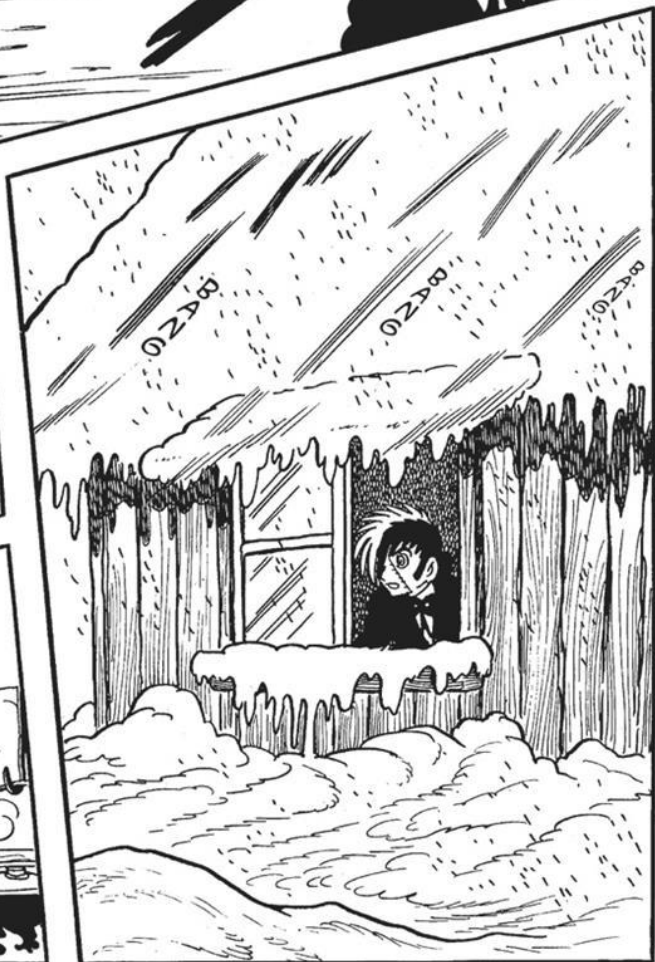
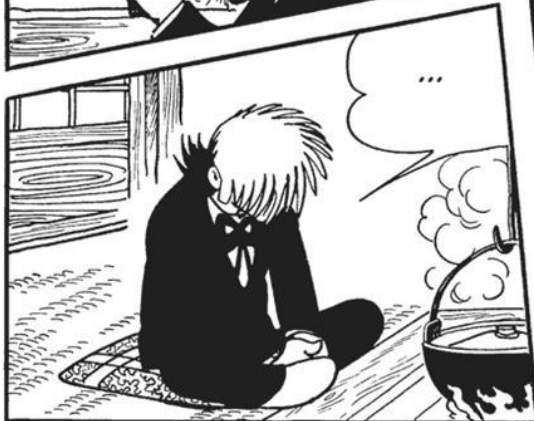
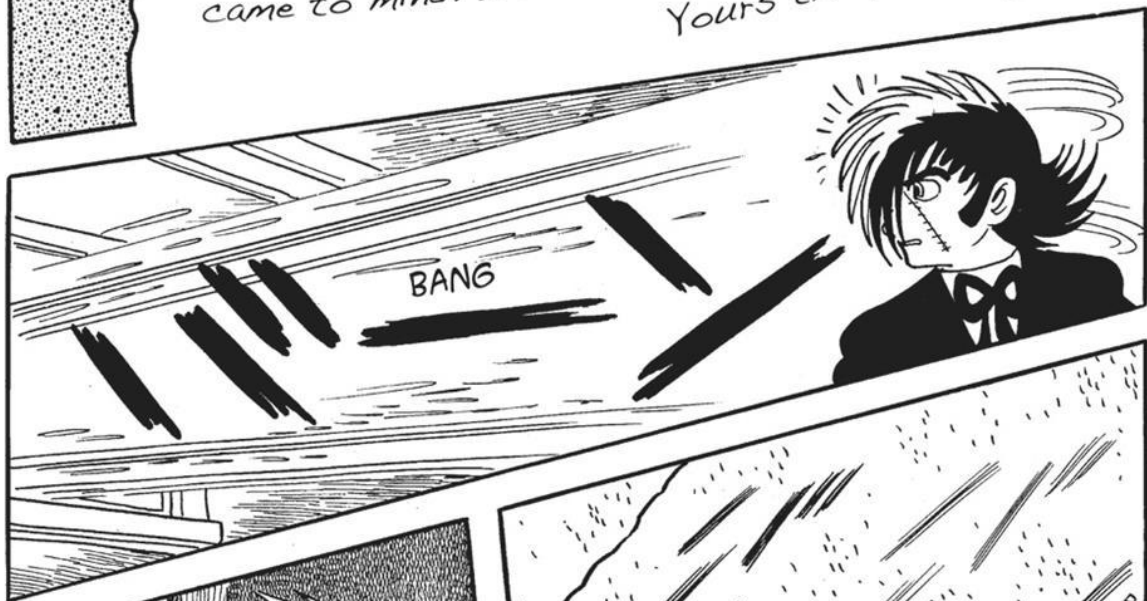






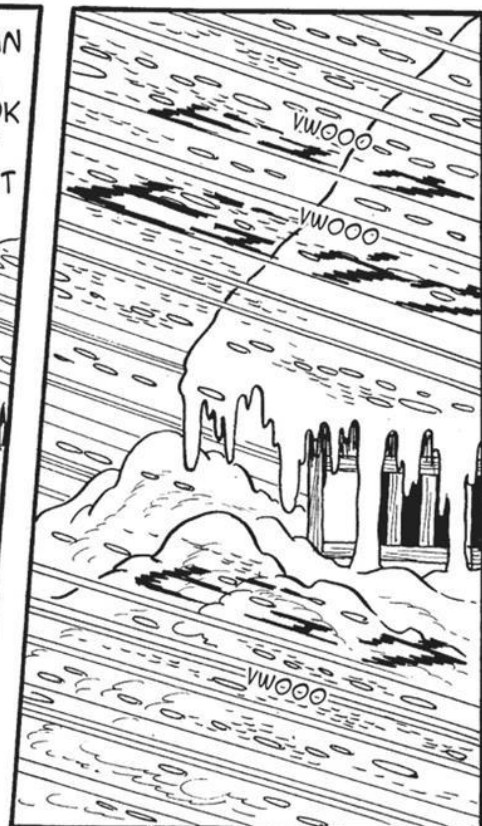


My brother will get himself killed
sooner or later. He's so obsessed,
I have no idea how to make him stop.
But the name of a dear childhood friend
came to mind. I want your advice.
Yours truly,







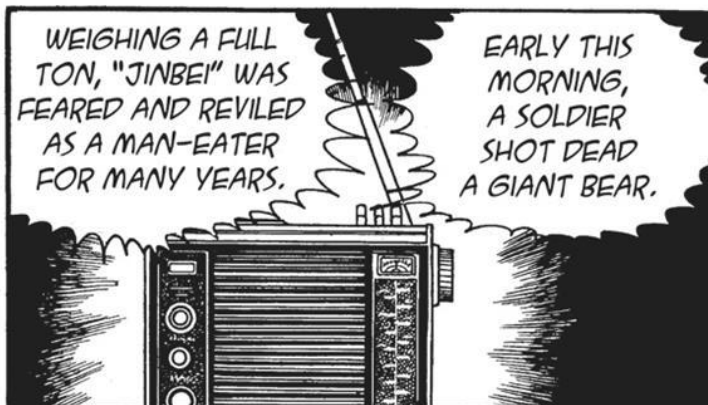
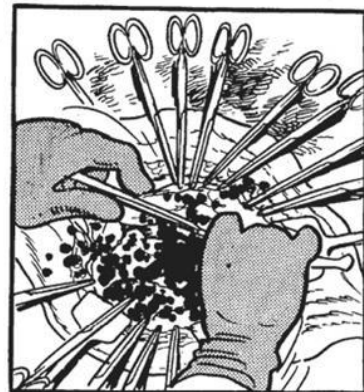
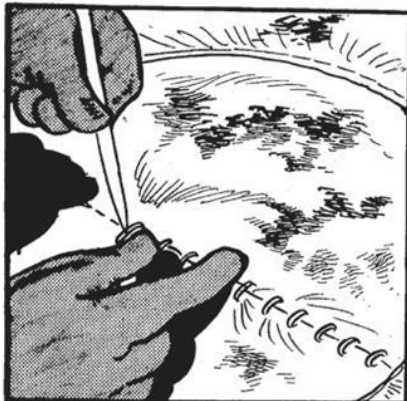


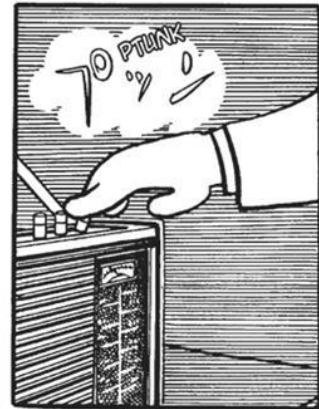


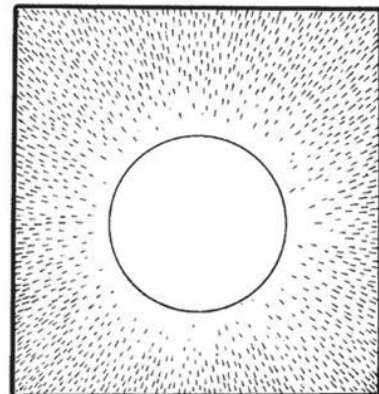
SNOW CONTINUES TO PILE
IN THE MOUNTAINS OF X REGION
IN THE WORST WEATHER SEEN
IN TWENTY YEARS.
ALL TRAFFIC IN AREA TOWNS AND
ROADWAYS HAS BEEN AT A HALT
FOR MORE THAN A MONTH NOW.
WHILE THE MILITARY HAS MOUNTED
A FULL-SCALE SUPPLY OPERATION,
THE CONTINUING SNOWFALL IS
HAMPERING THEIR EFFORTS.

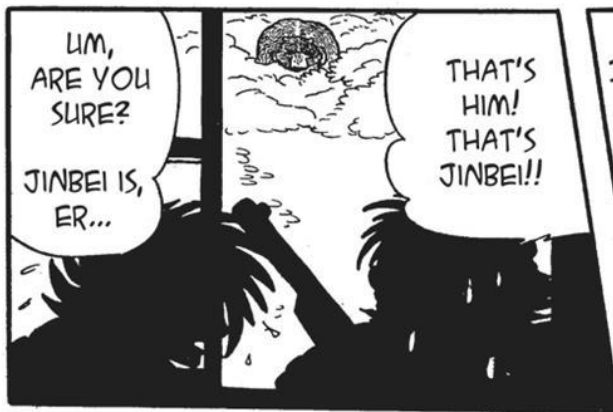


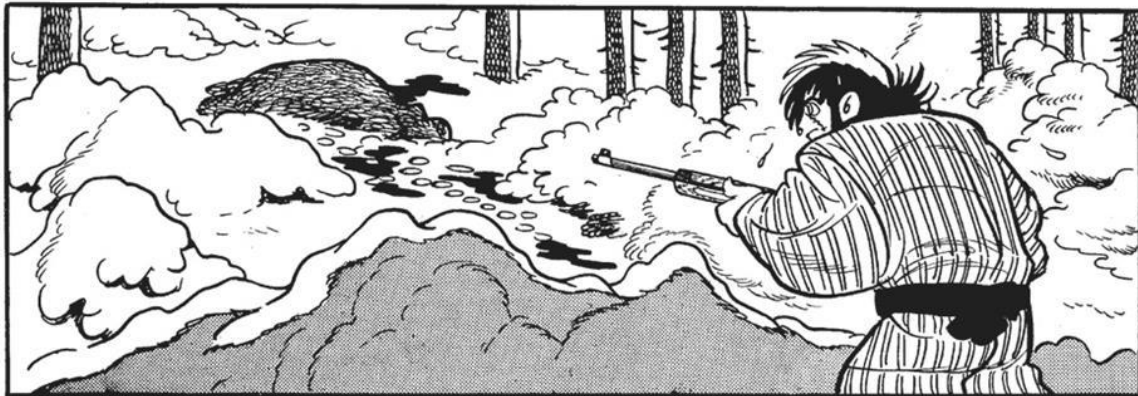






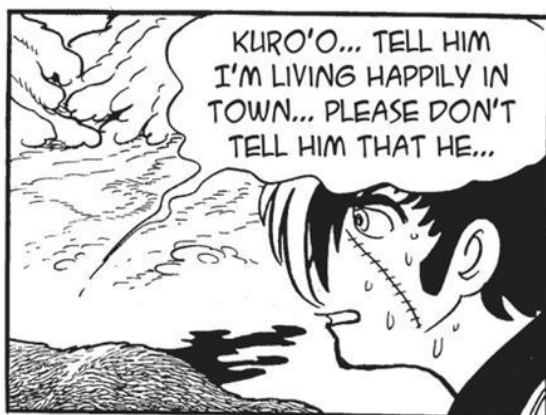






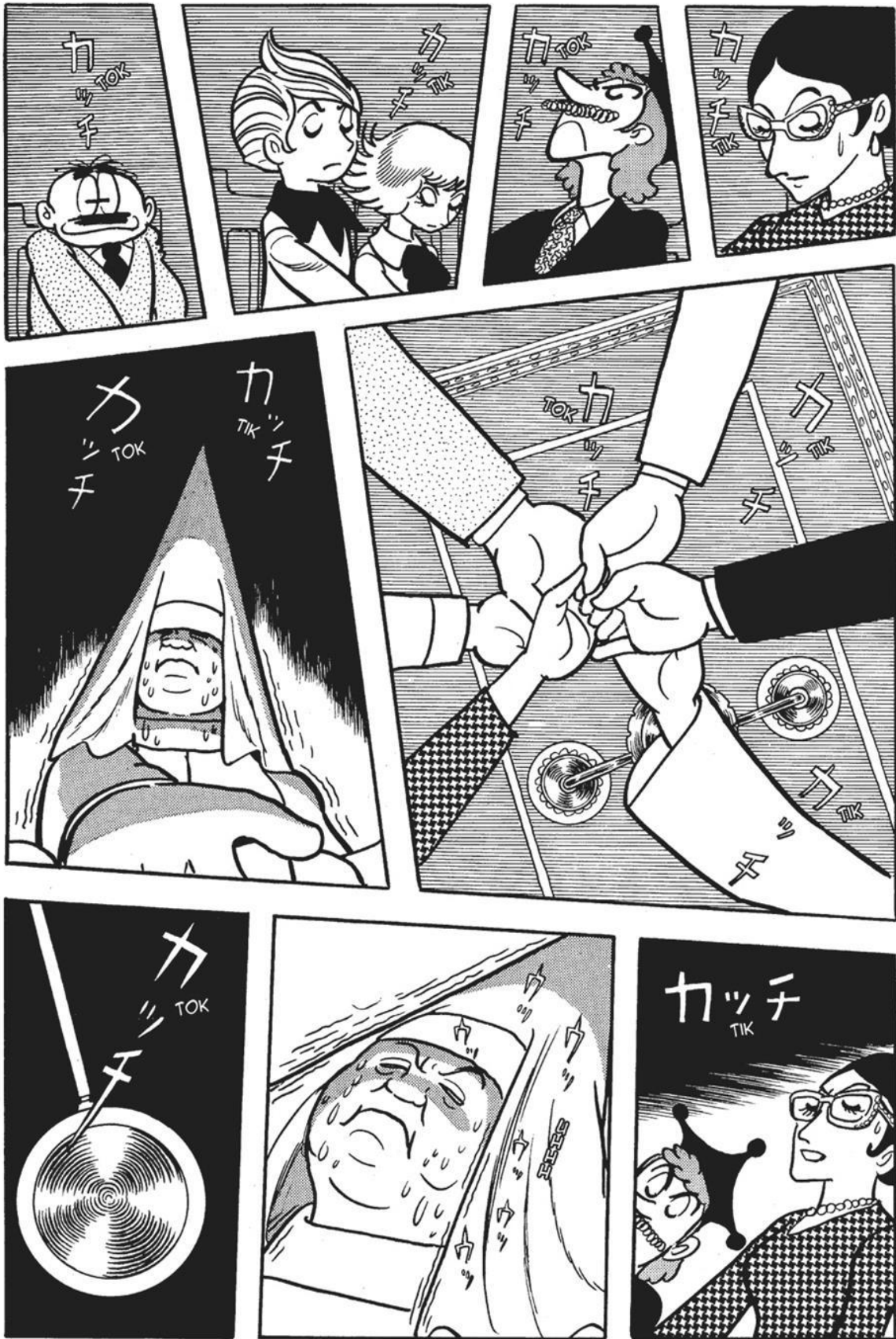
YOU CAME HERE
WEARING JINBEI'S
PELT?!

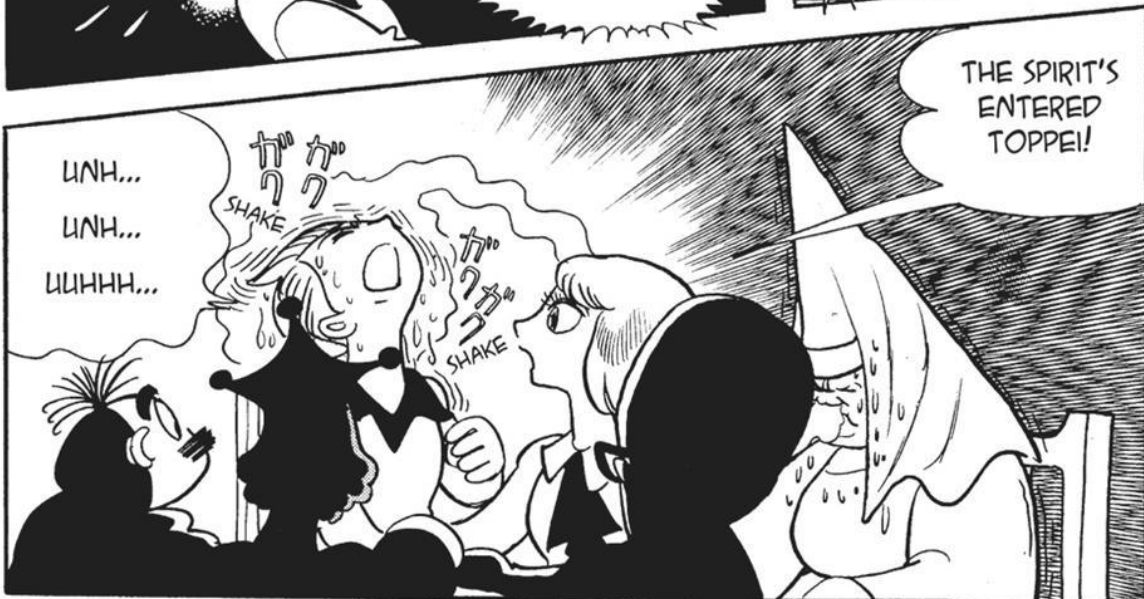
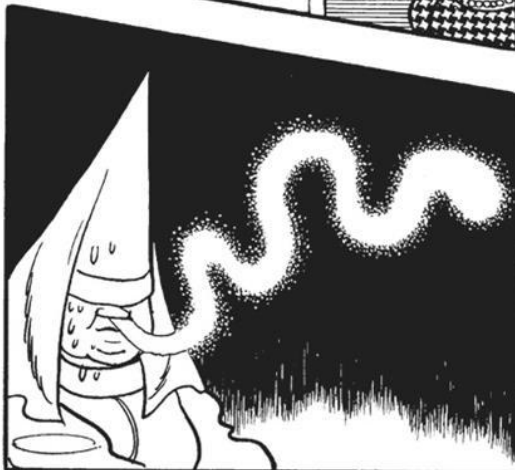


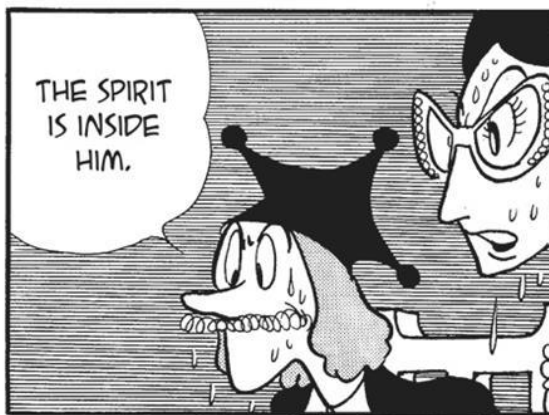


OPERATION OF THE SPIRIT

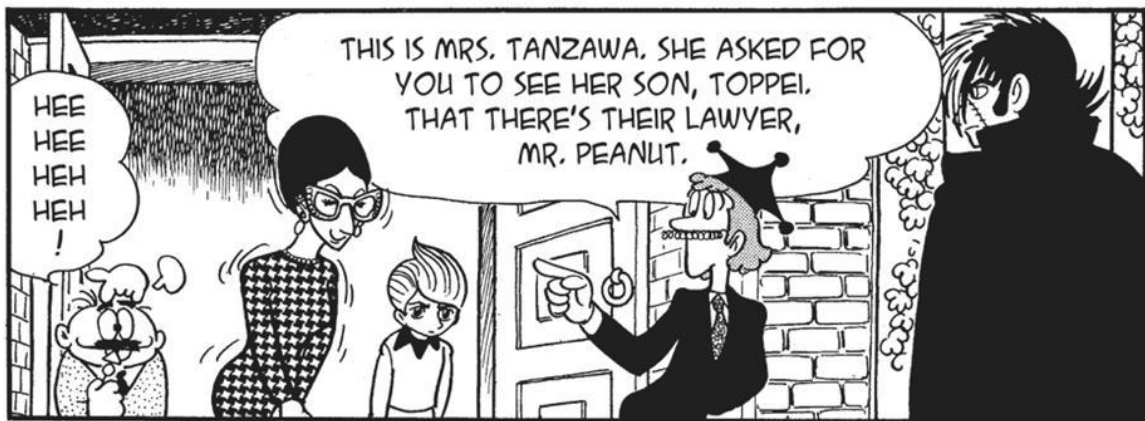


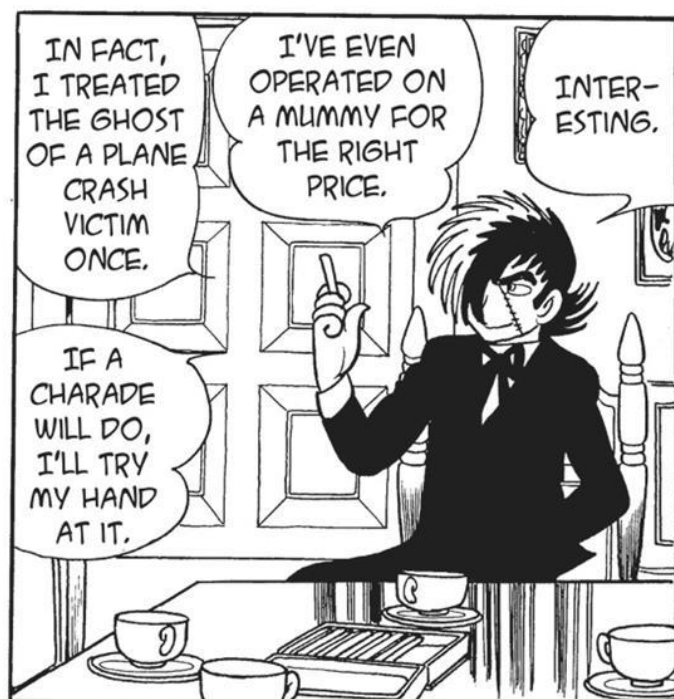
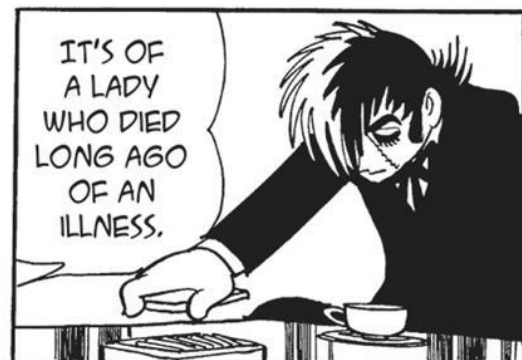


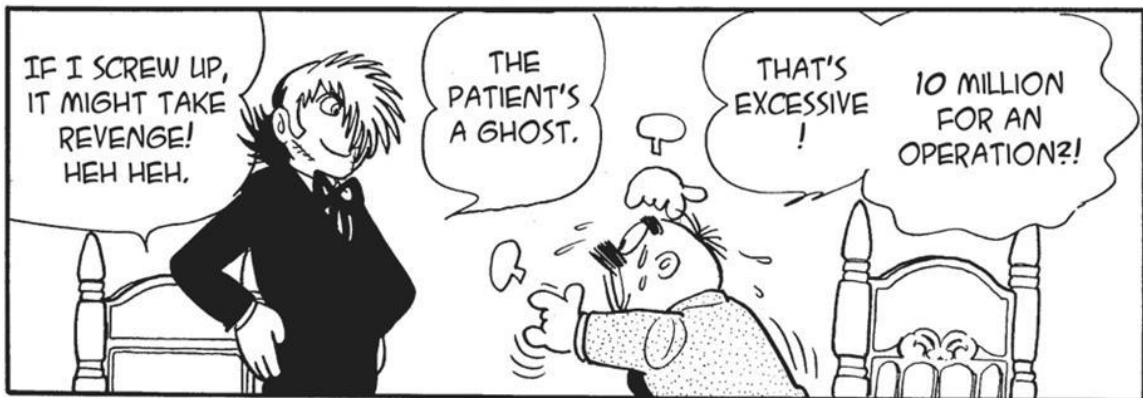
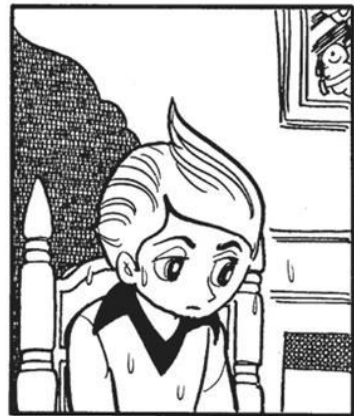
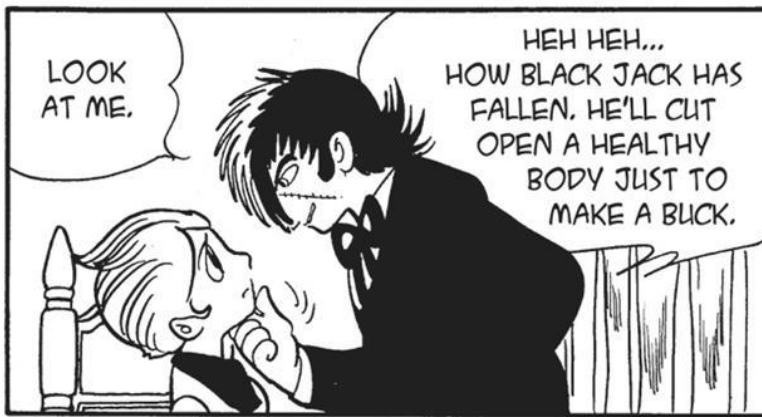


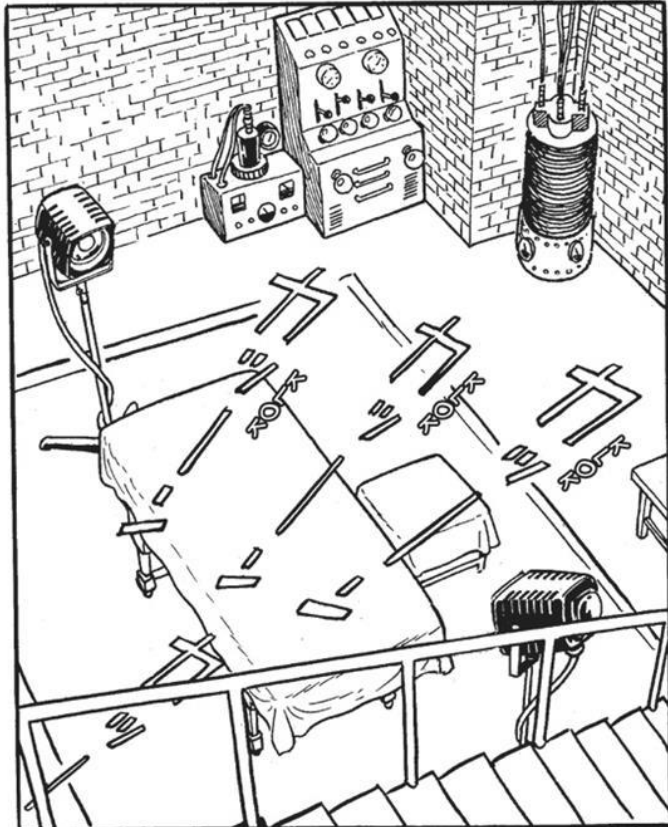
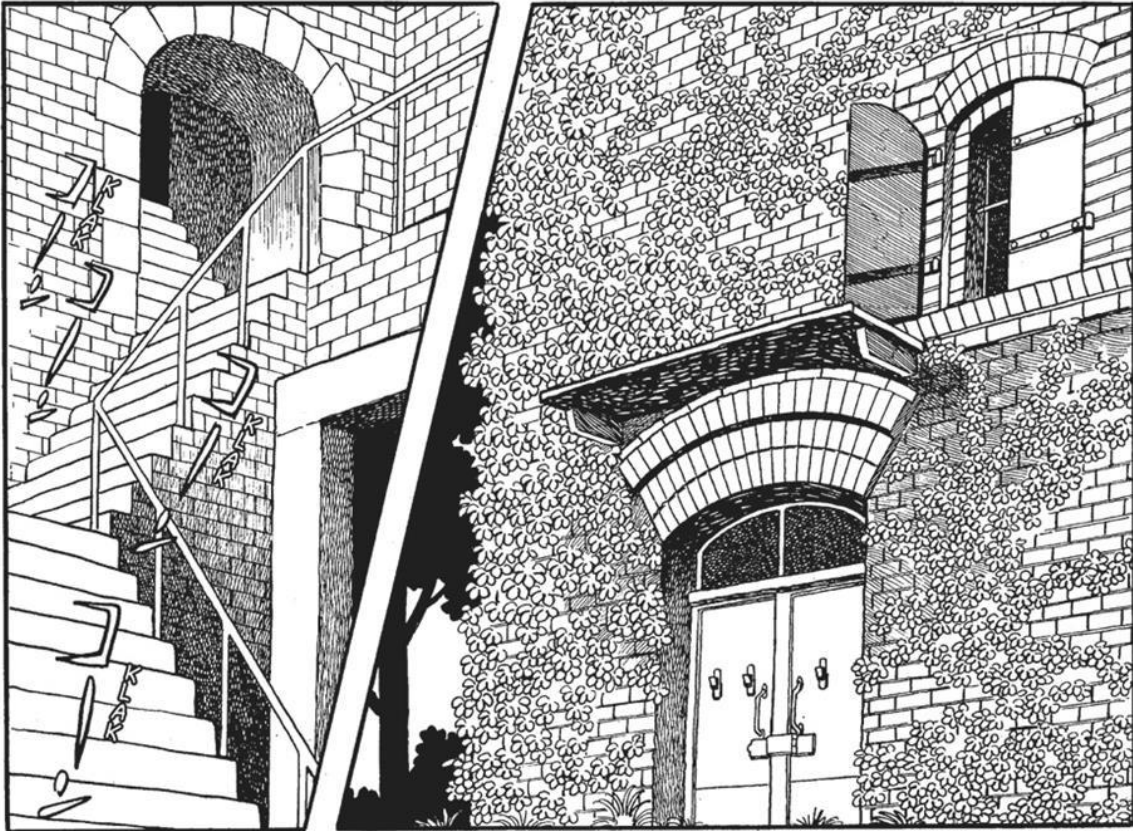


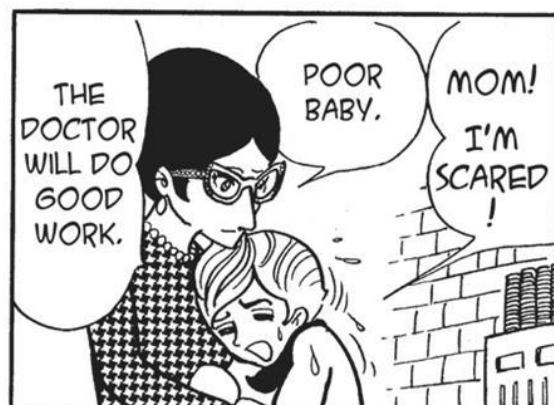
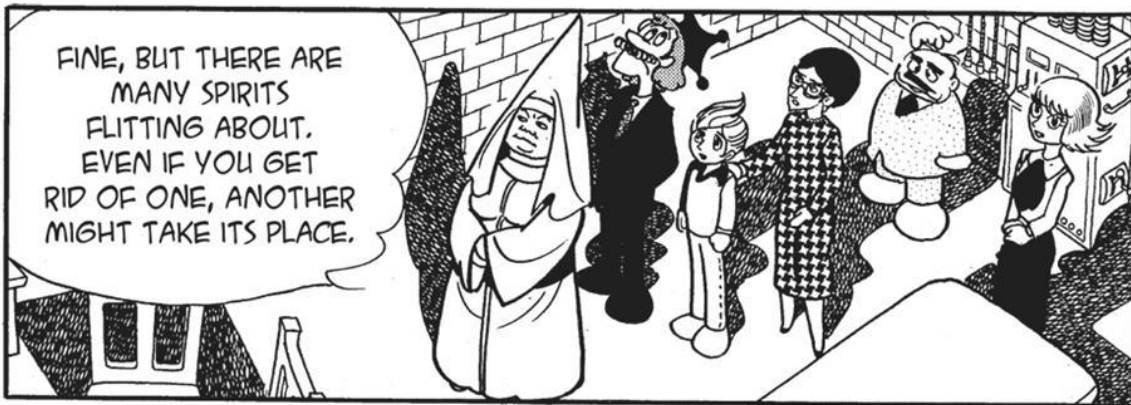


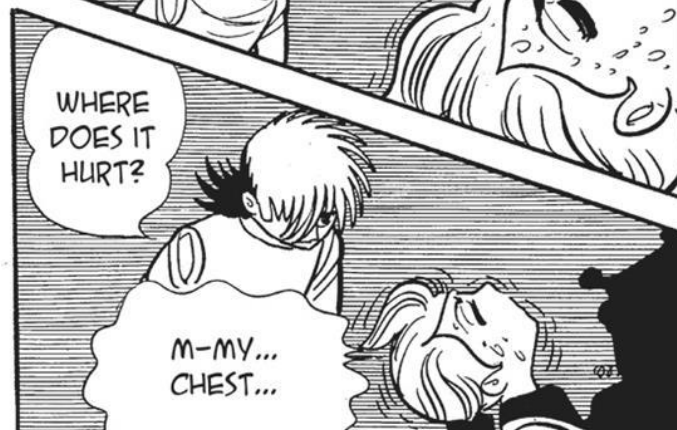


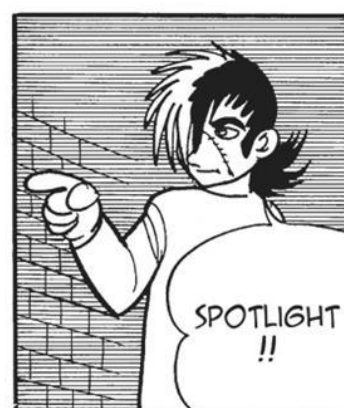
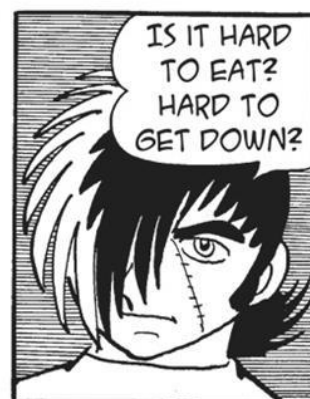


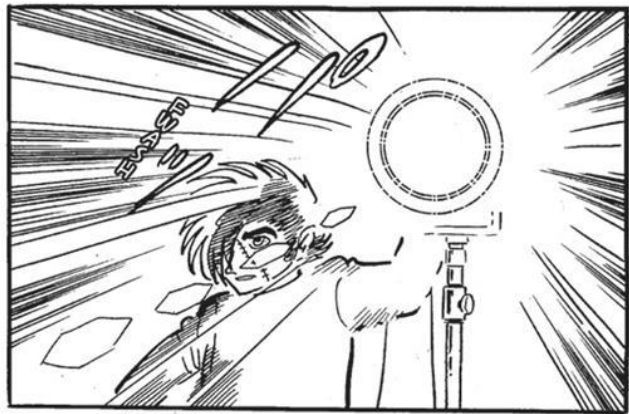




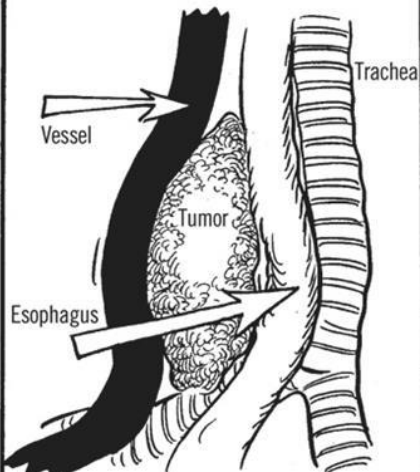


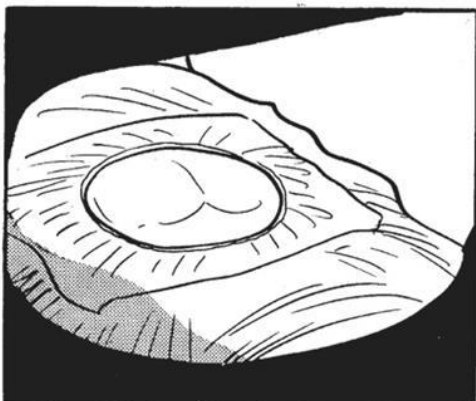


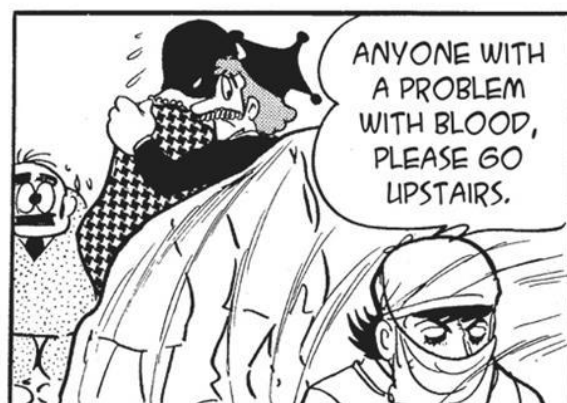
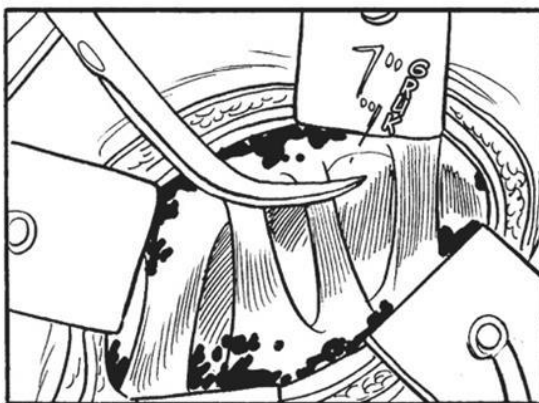
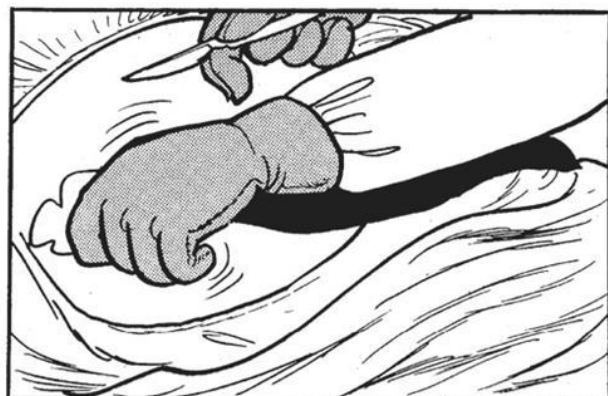


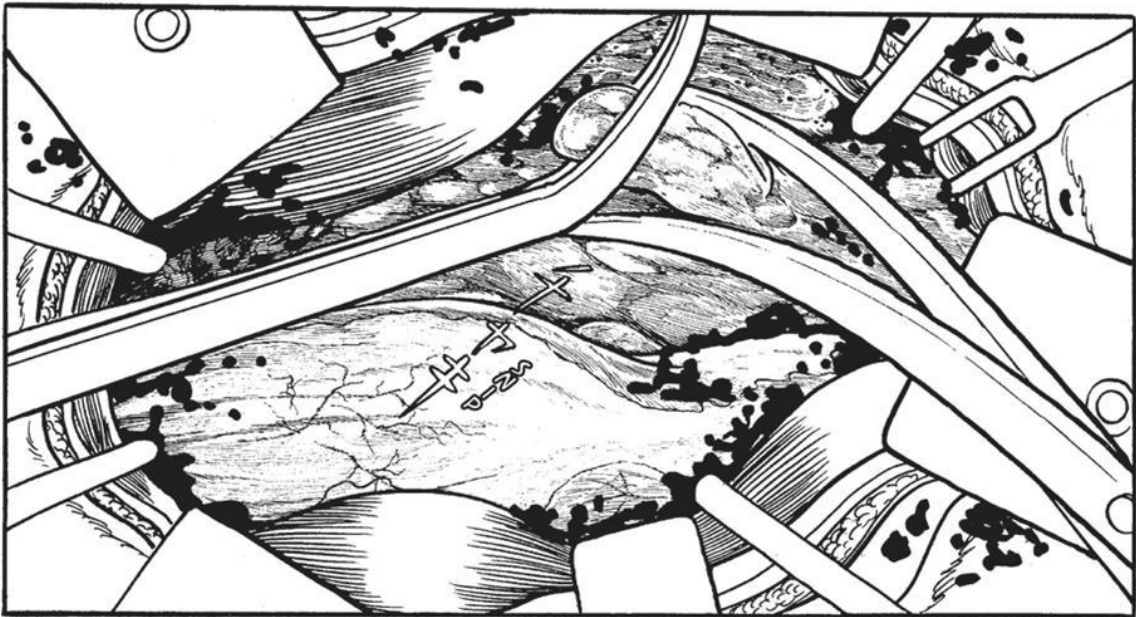
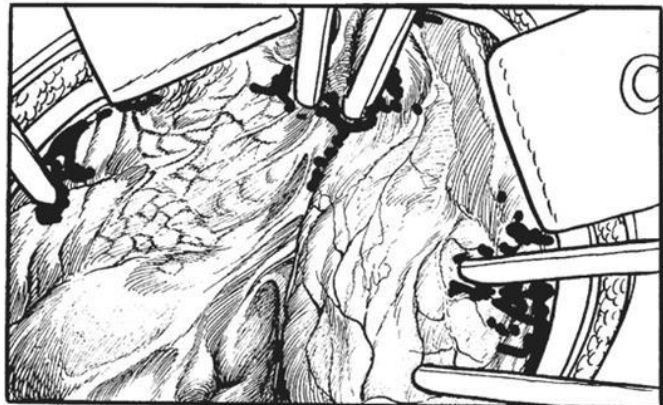


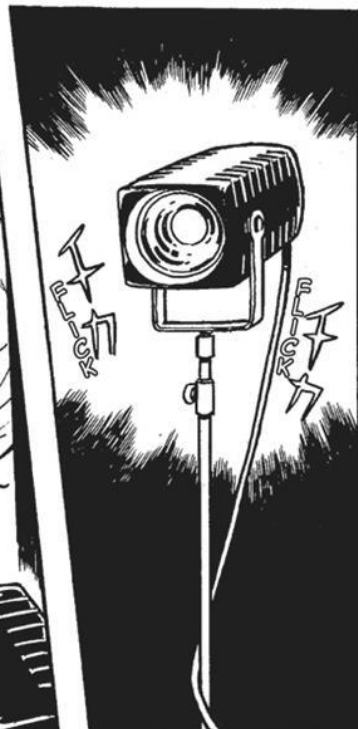
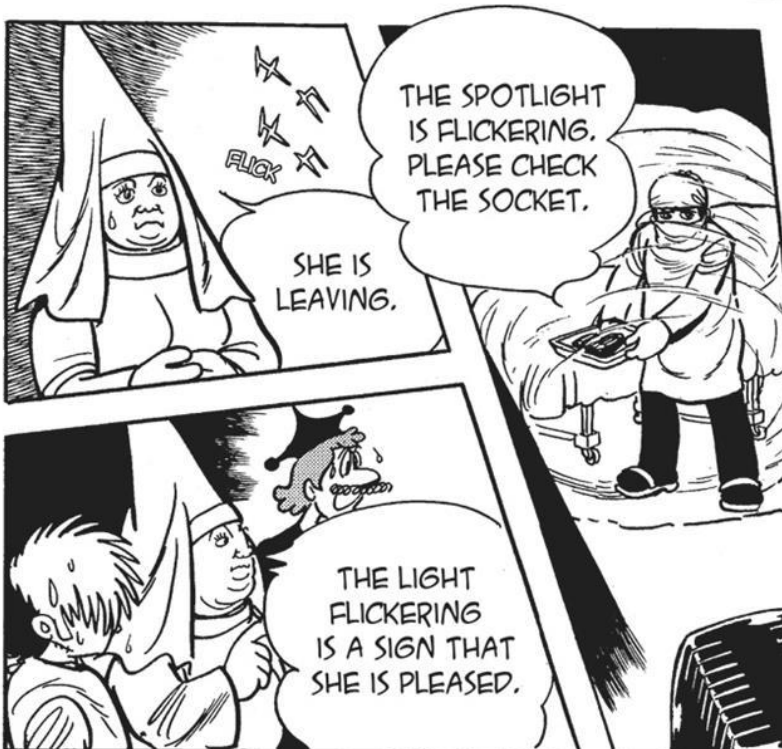
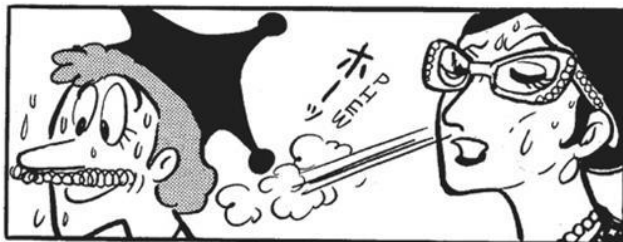
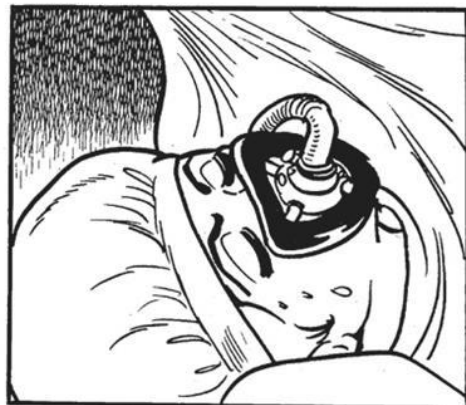
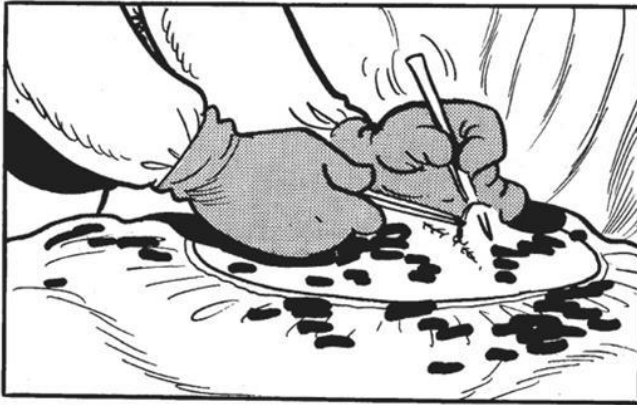
WHEN A TUMOR FORMS IN THE CHEST AND GROWS LARGER, IT EXERTS PRESSURE ON THE TRACHEA, ESOPHAGUS AND VESSELS. THE PATIENT HAS DIFFICULTY BREATHING AND EATING, AND THE CHEST AREA MAY SWELL.

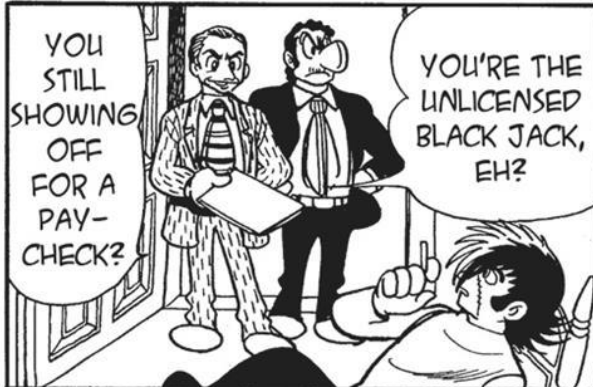
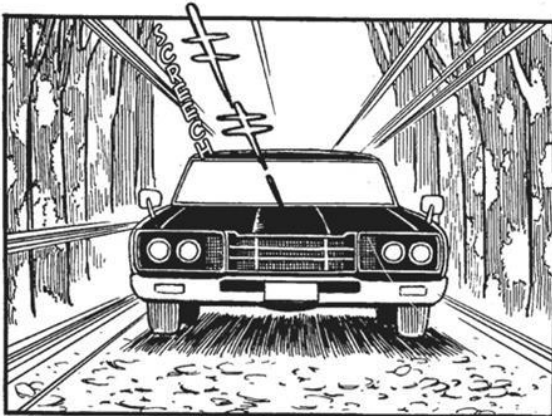


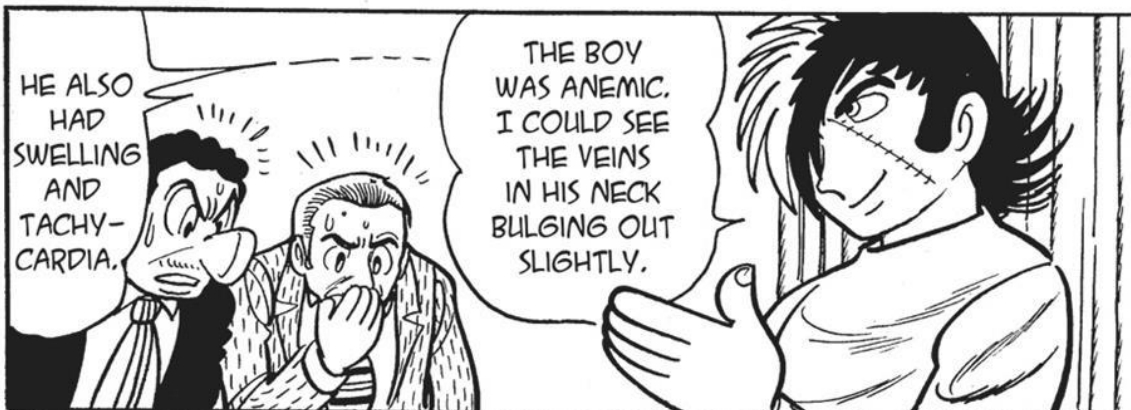
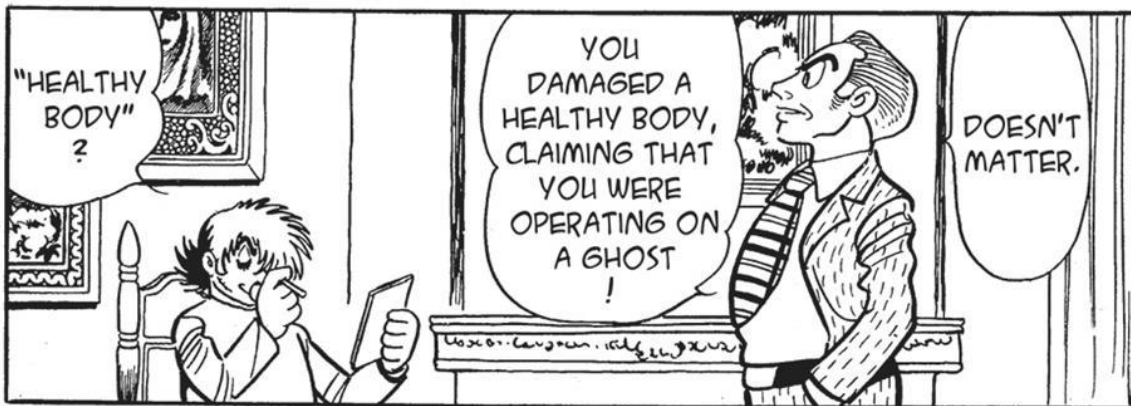


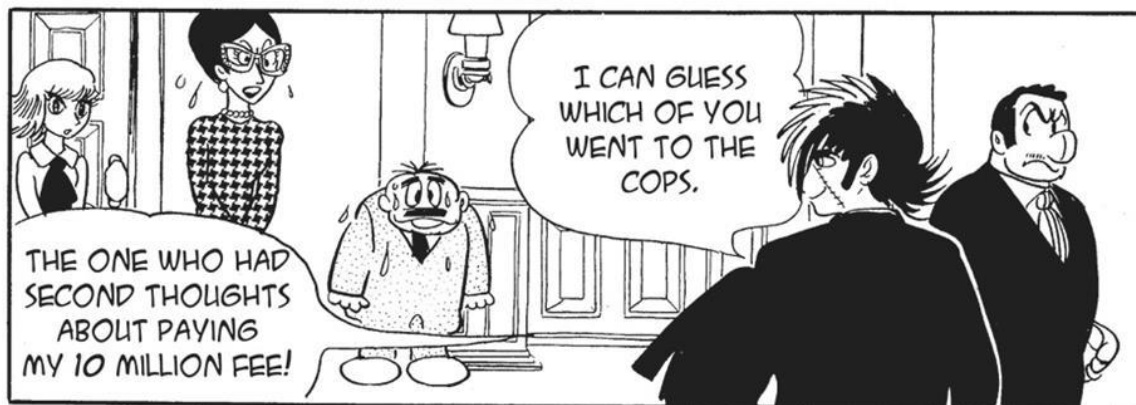
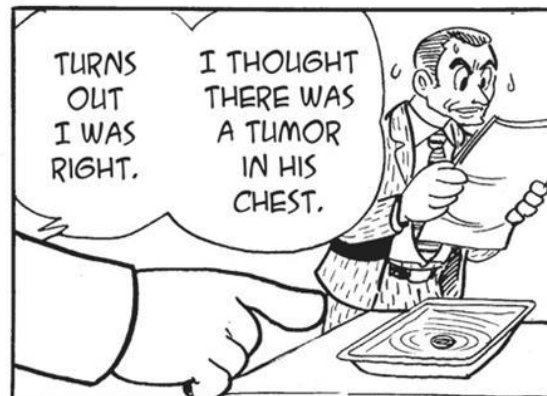
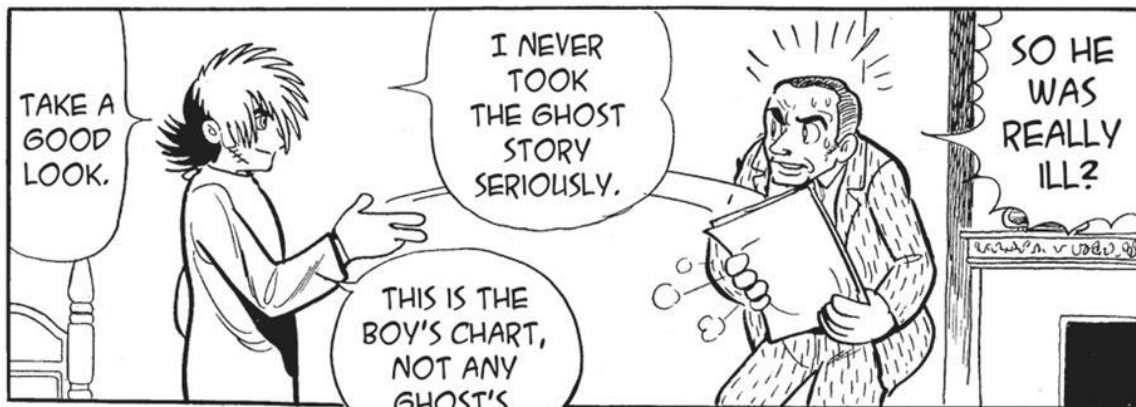










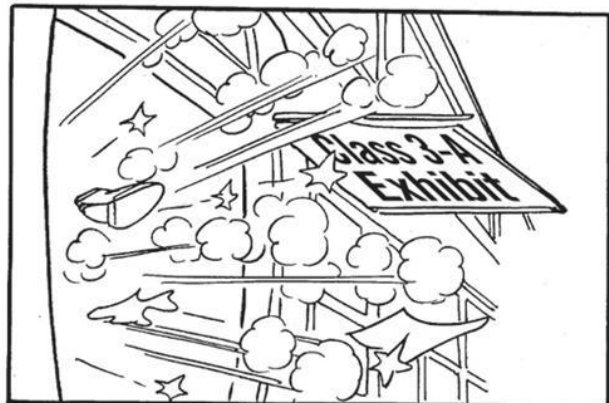
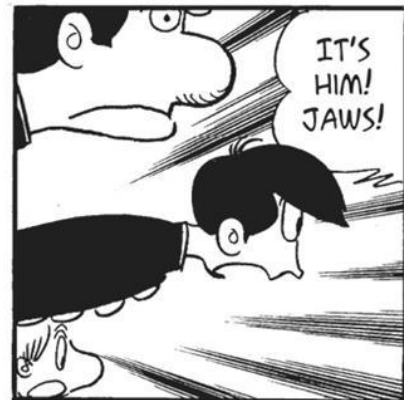
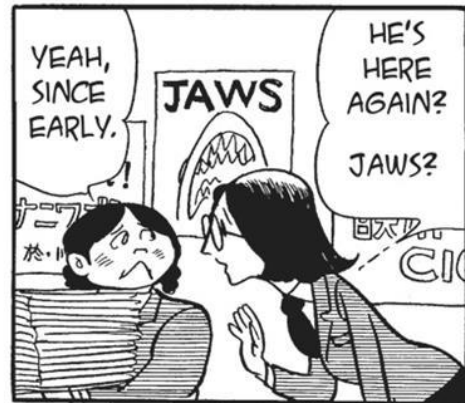


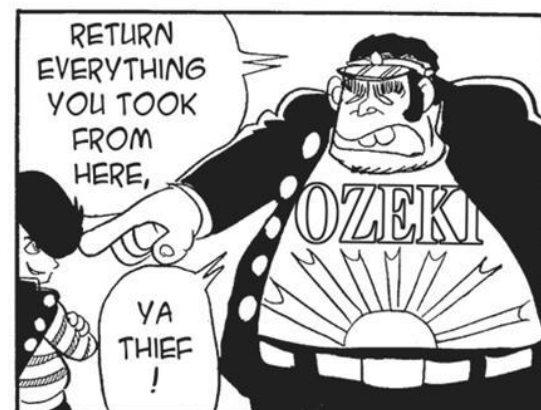


LOOKING GOOD



NOTE: THE DRAWING IN THE SECOND PANEL PUNS ON "IKEBANA" (FLOWER ARRANGEMENT), WHOSE SECOND CHARACTER "HANA" (FLOWER) IS HOMONYMOUS WITH "HANA" (NOSE).







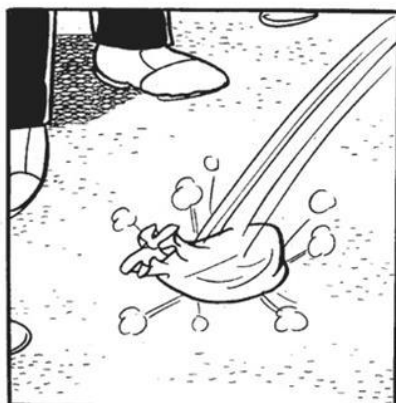
STUDENT COUNCIL'S GOT THE PROCEEDS.

POOR HARVEST COMPARED TO R HIGH.



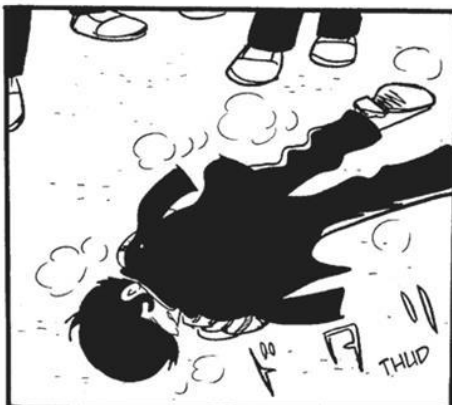
GIVE THEM BACK!

THOSE AREN'T FOR SALE! A LOT OF WORK WENT INTO THEM.

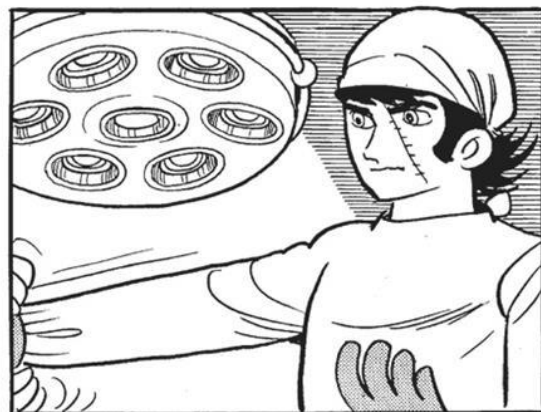
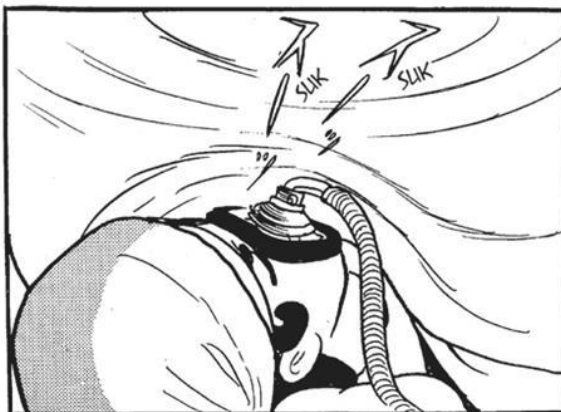


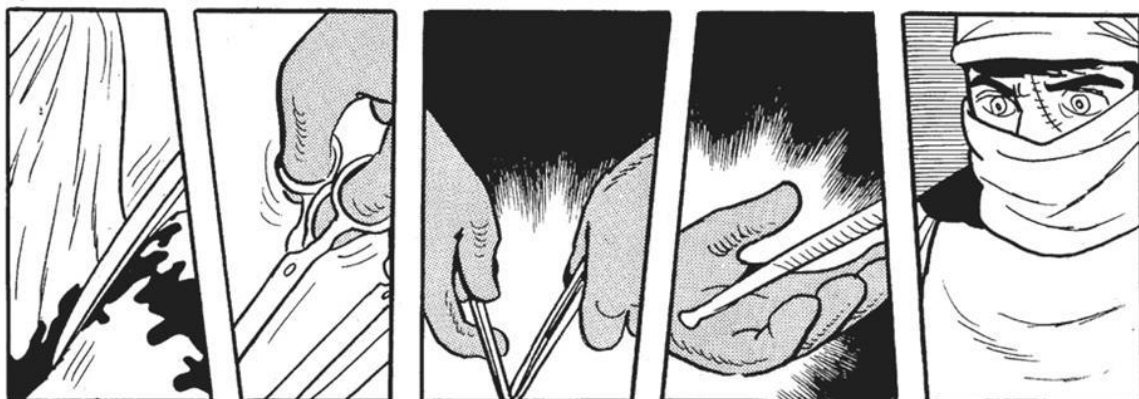
HERE ARE THE ONE-YEN COINS THAT YOU PAID. TAKE THEM BACK.

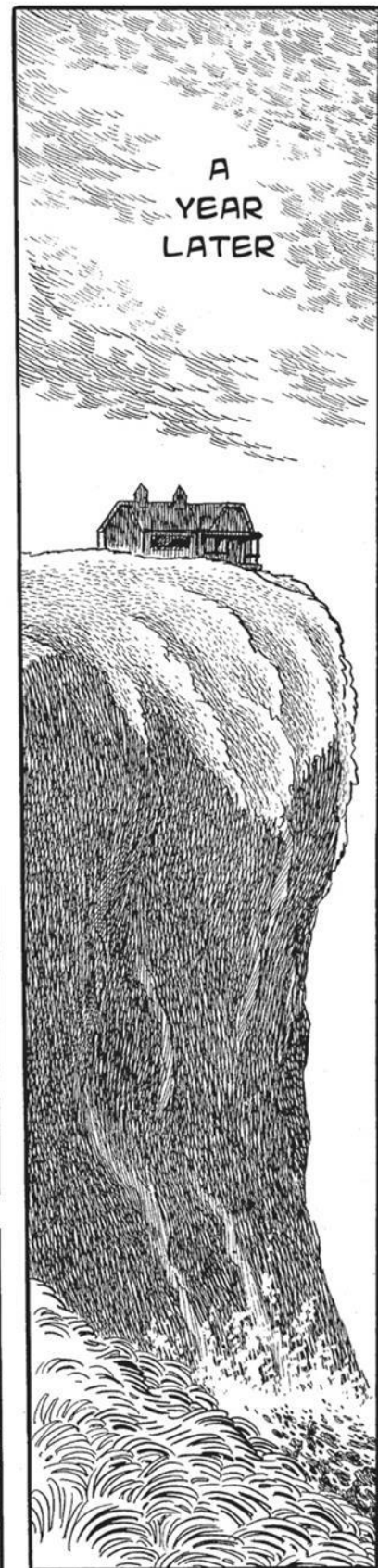


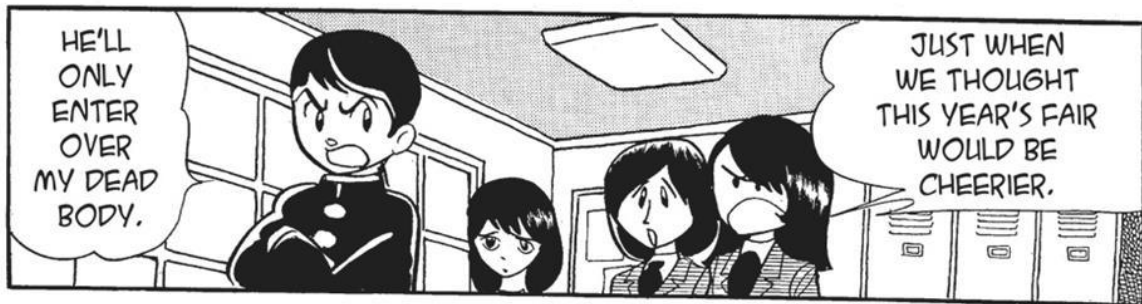
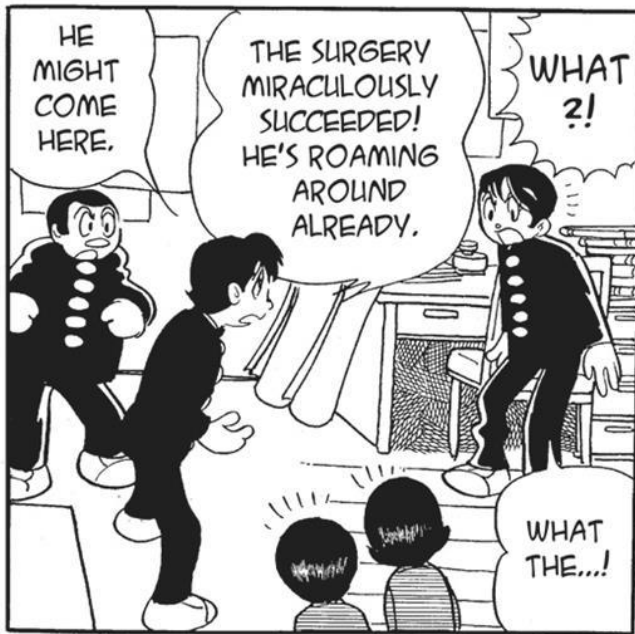


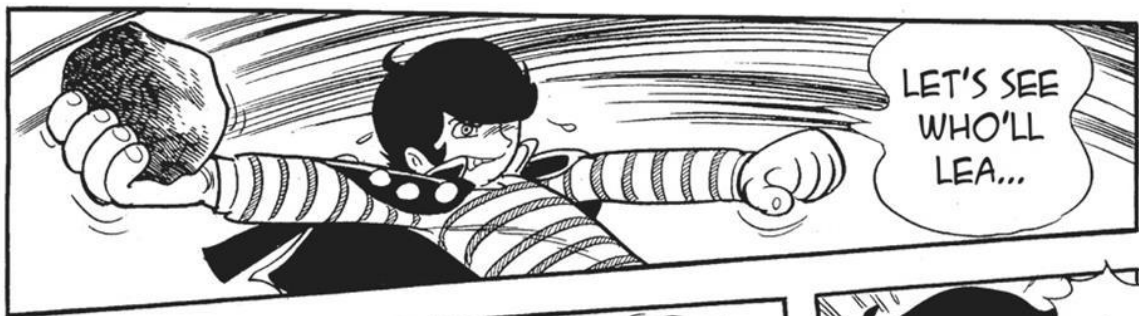


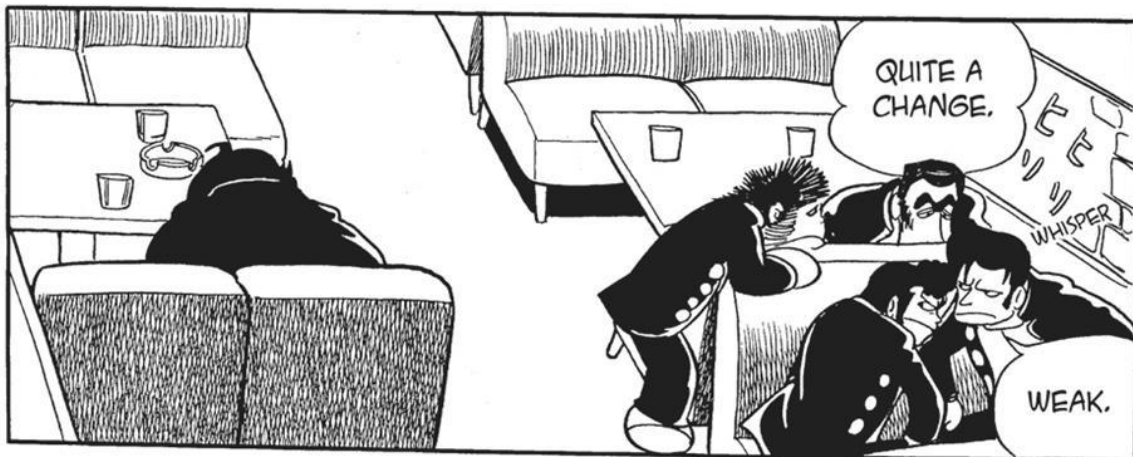
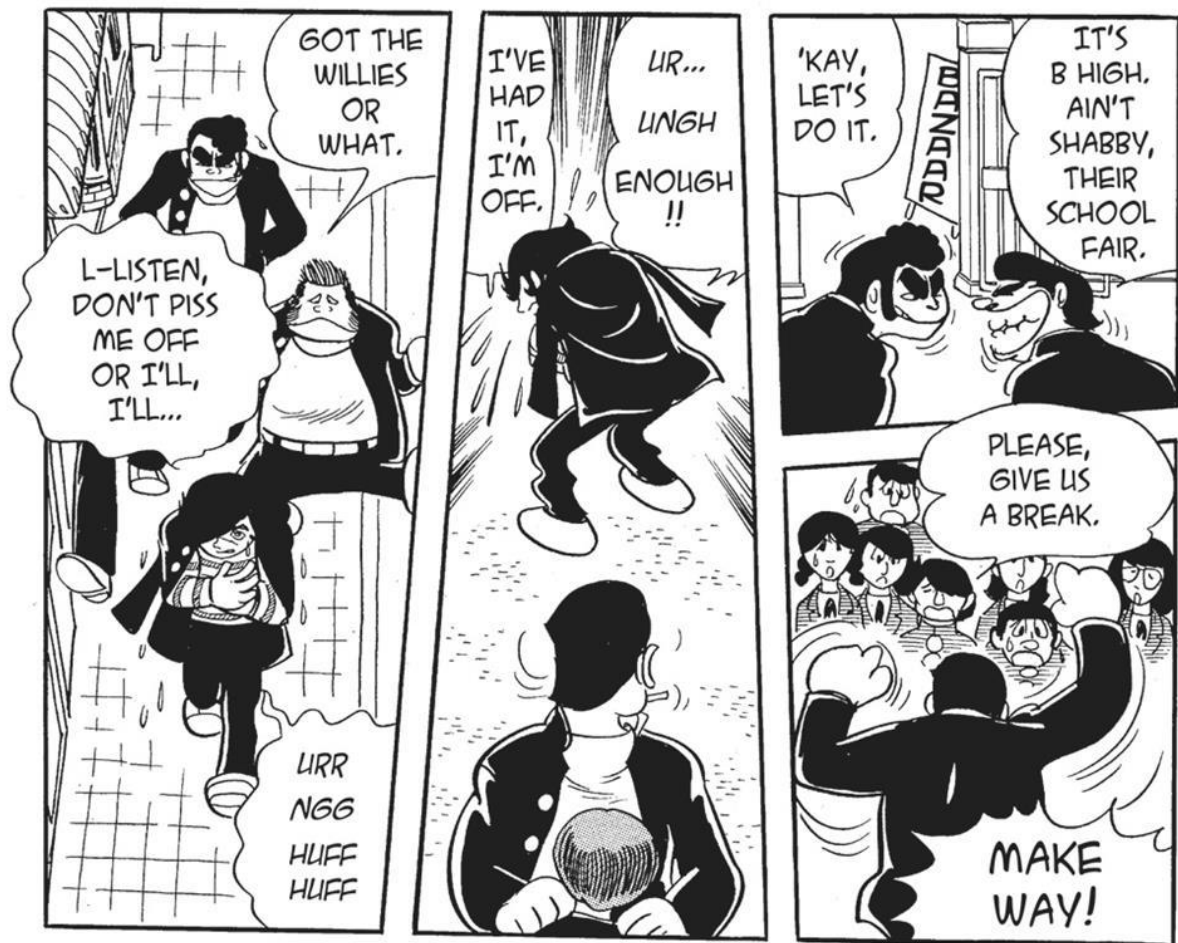




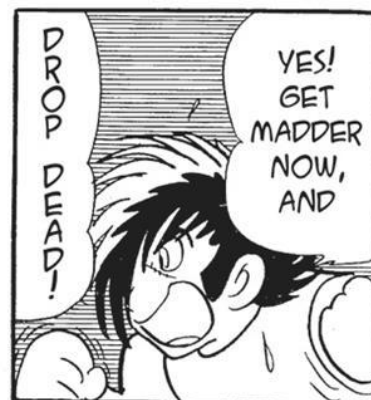




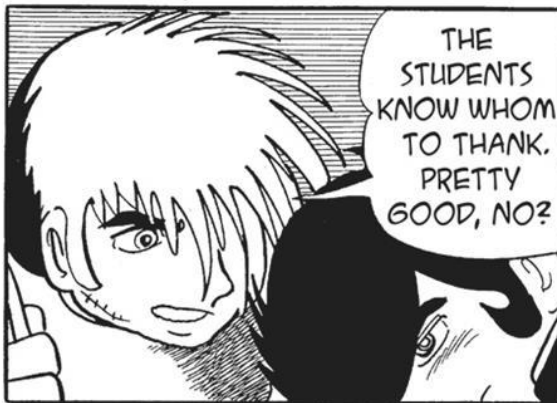






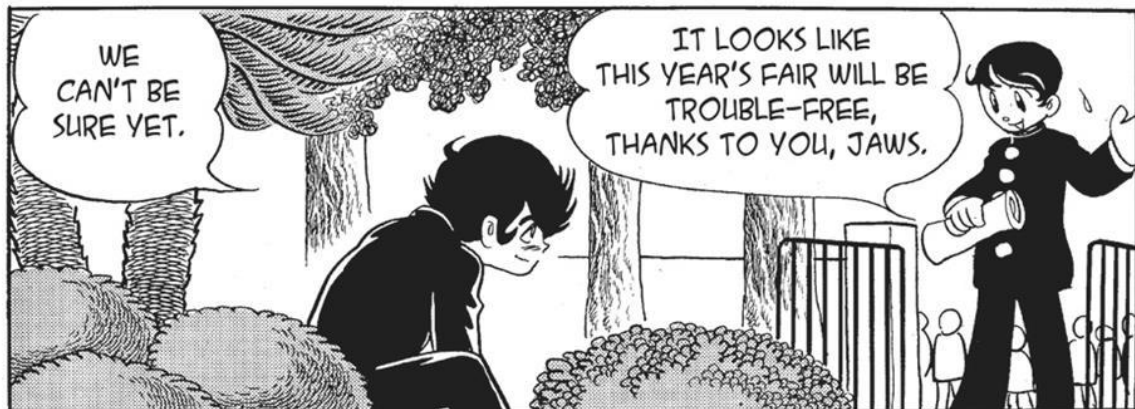
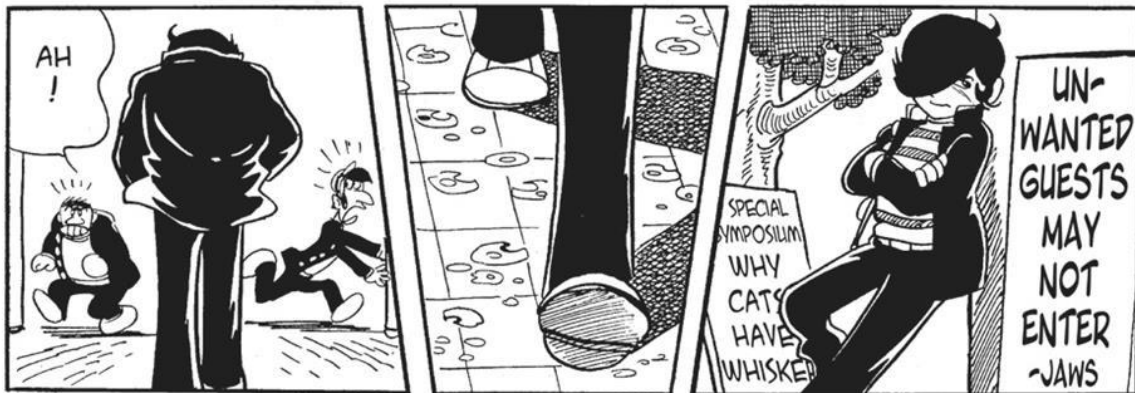


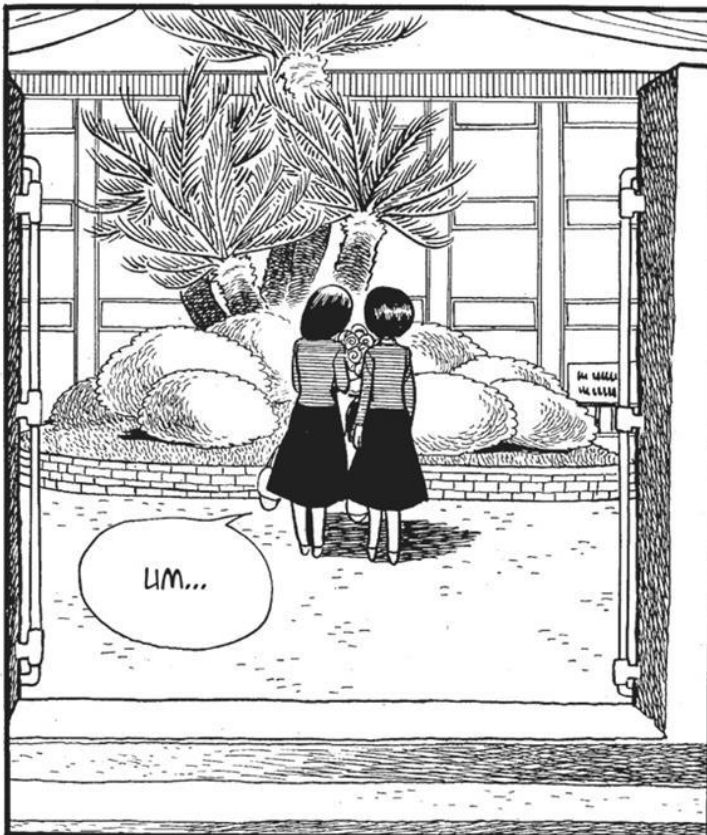


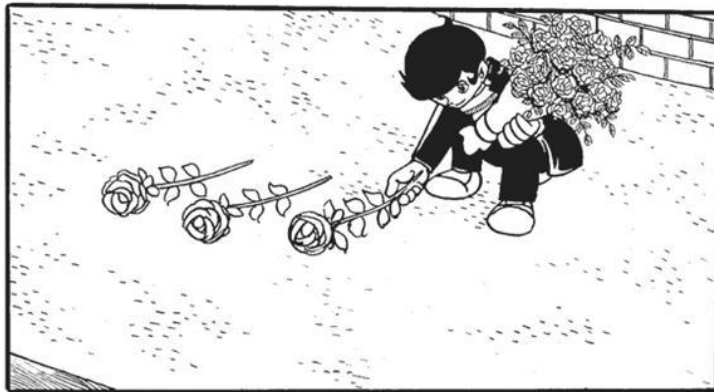
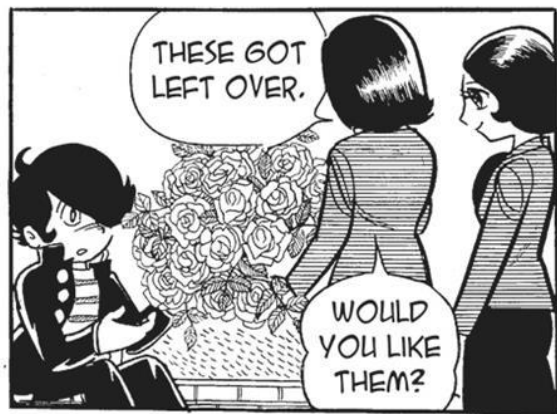


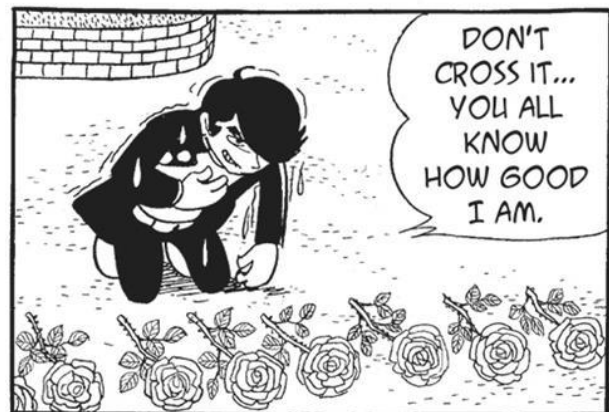
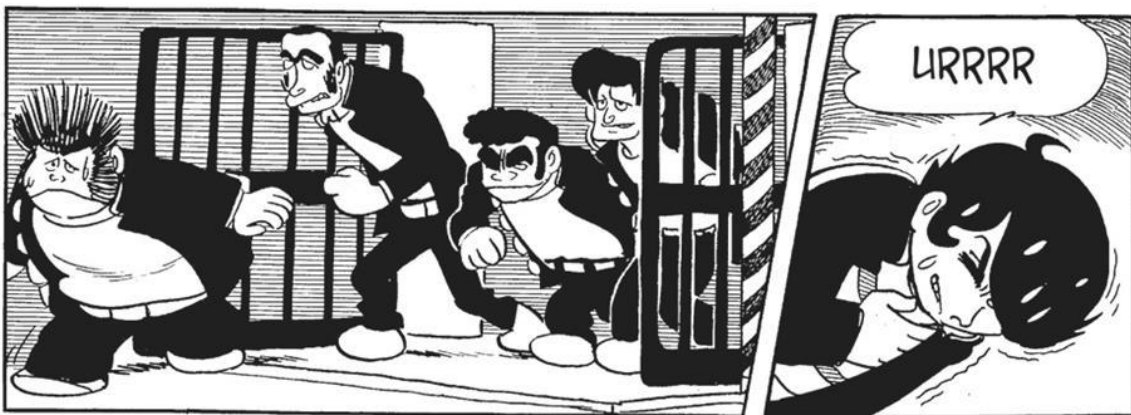




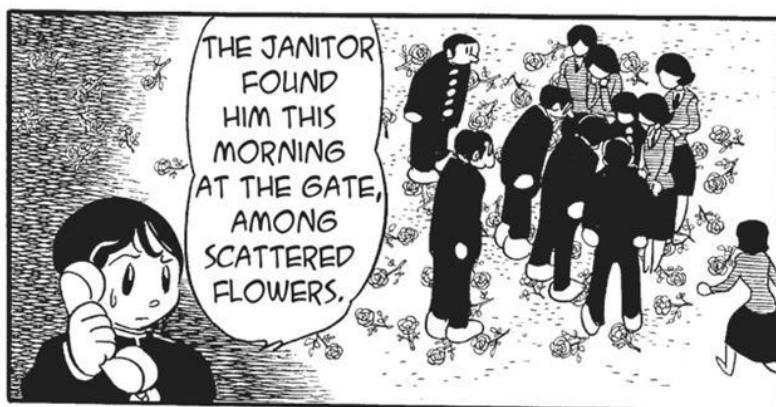




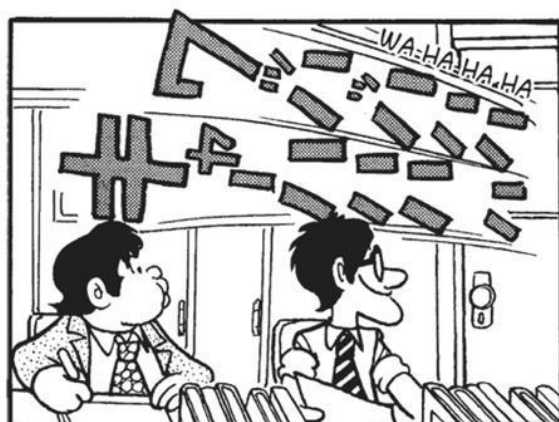
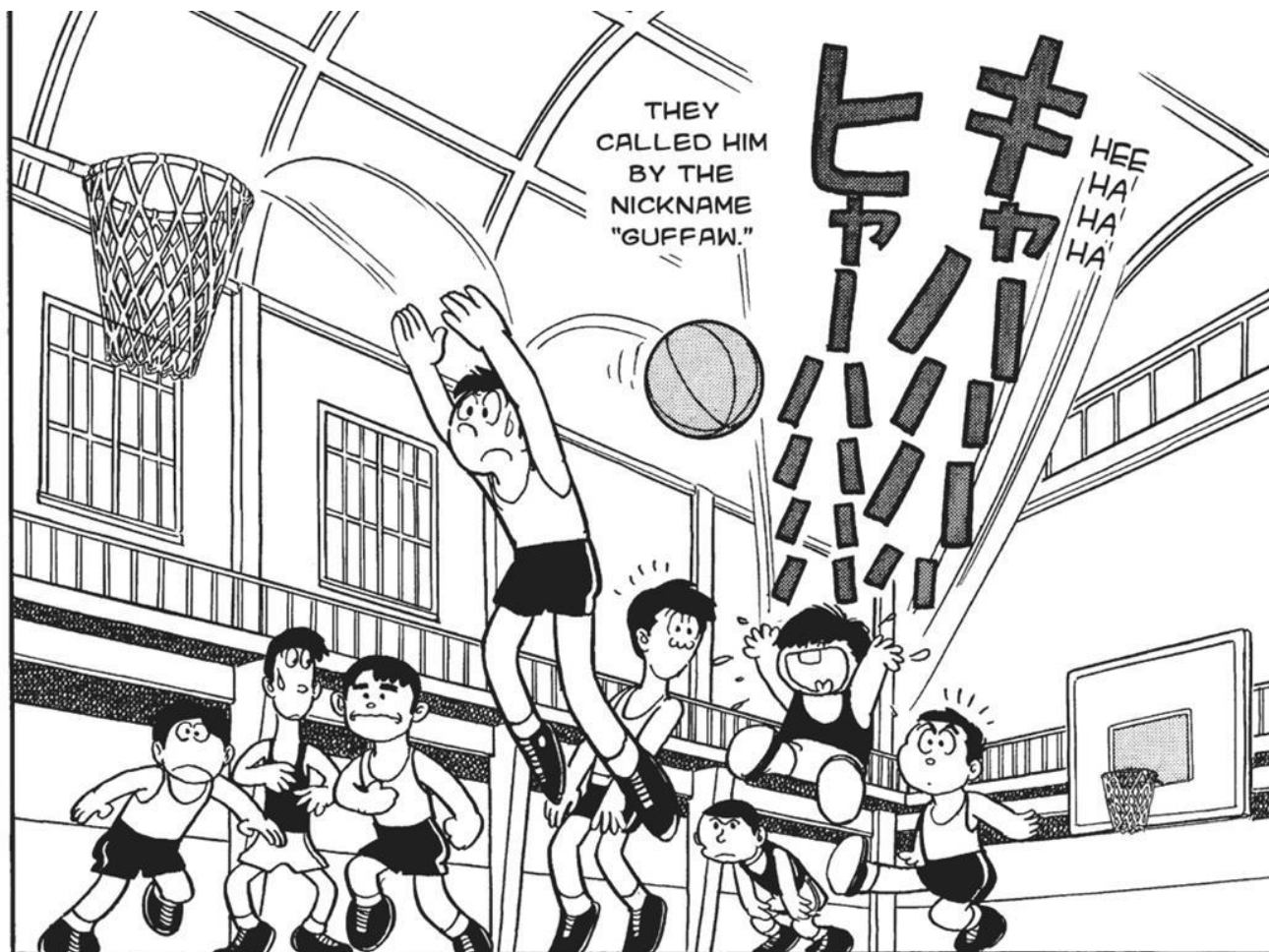






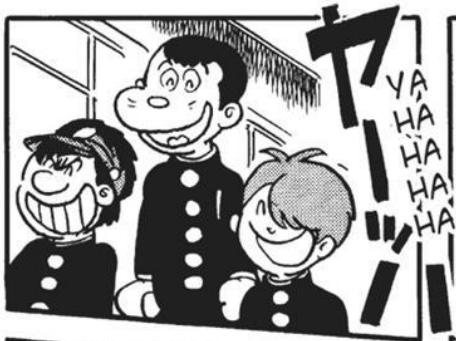


PRONE TO LAUGHTER

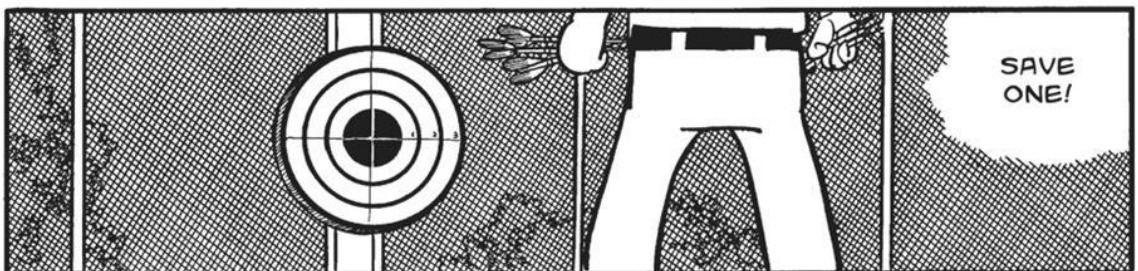
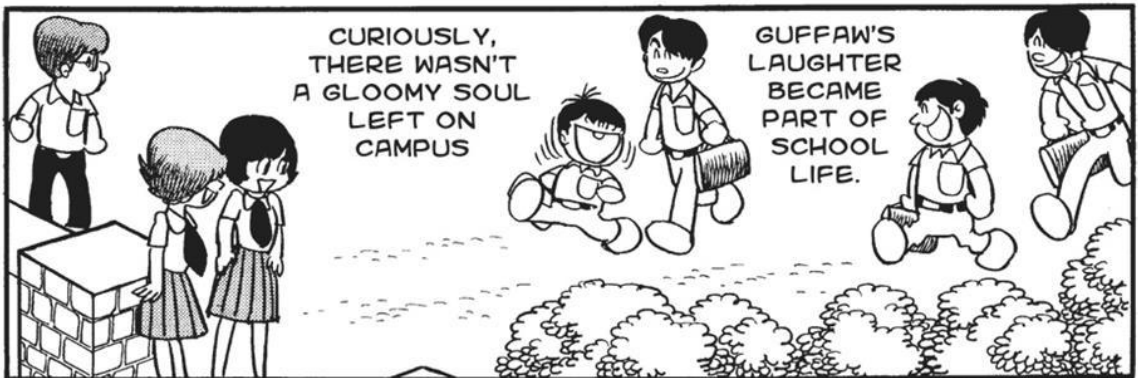
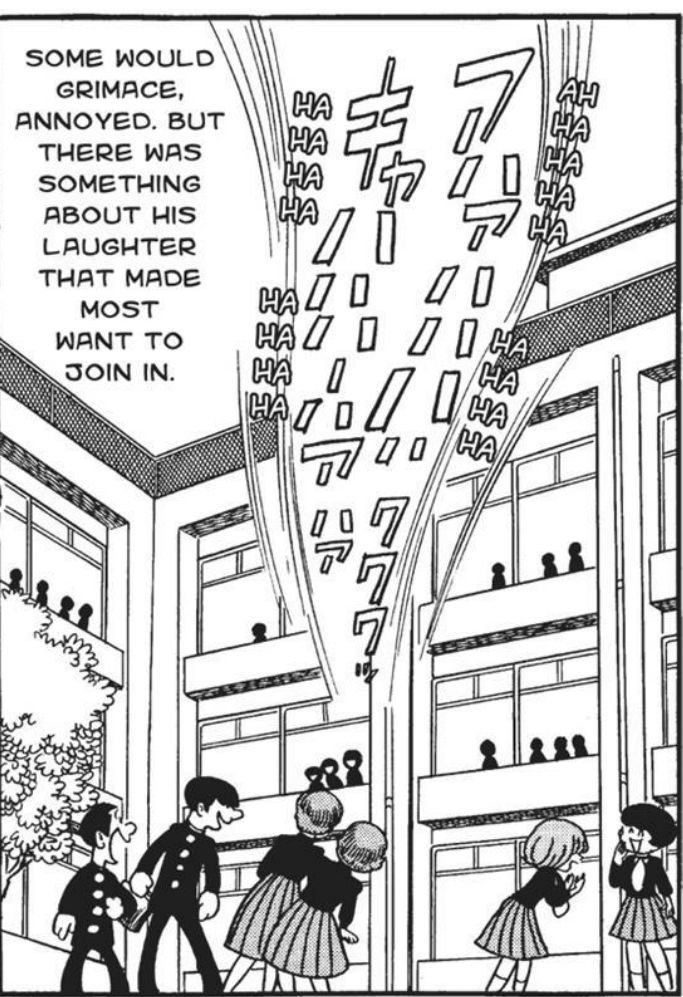


ONCE HE GOT GOING,
THE WHOLE SCHOOL
COULD HEAR HIM.

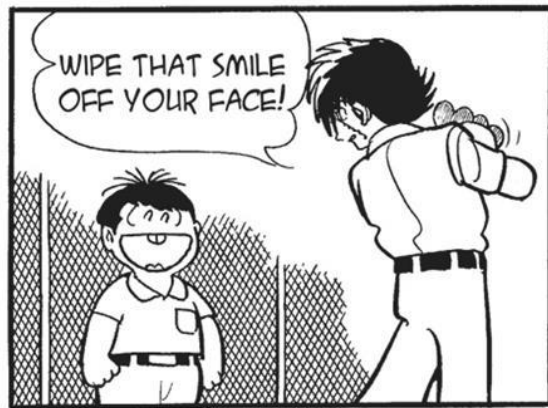


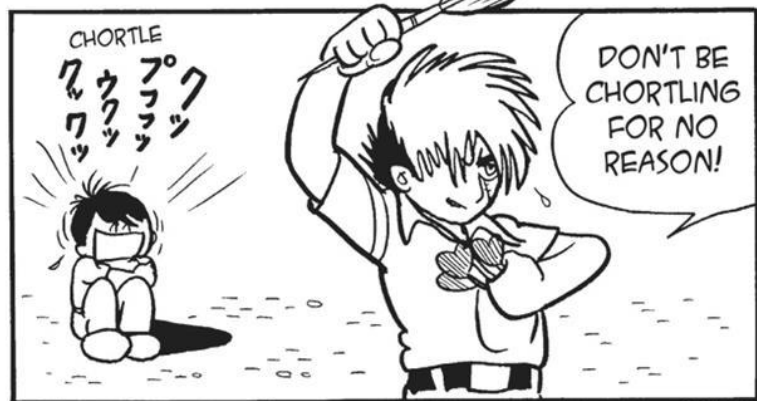


SOME WOULD GRIMACE, ANNOYED. BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT HIS LAUGHTER THAT MADE MOST WANT TO JOIN IN.

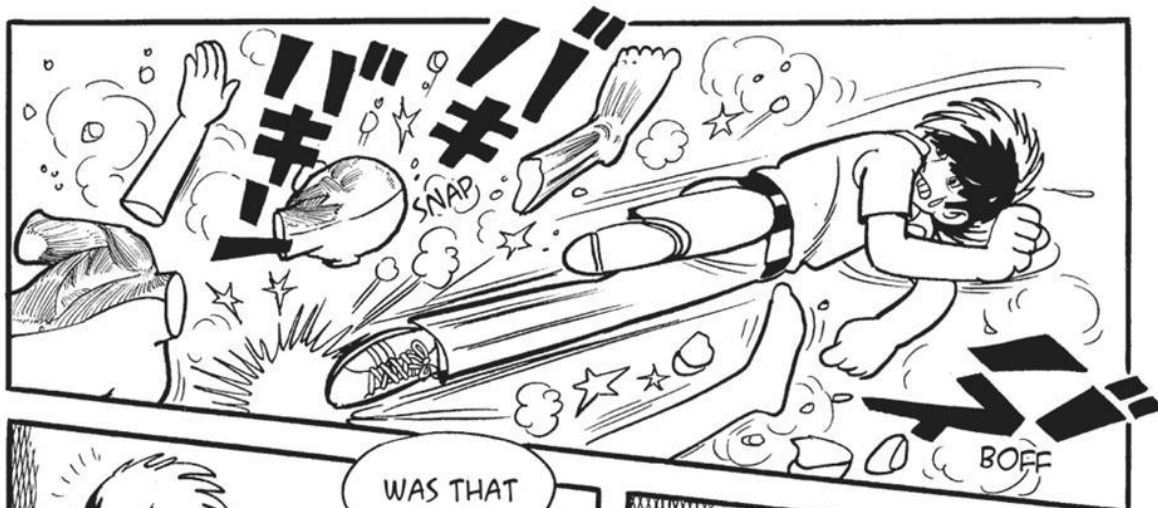
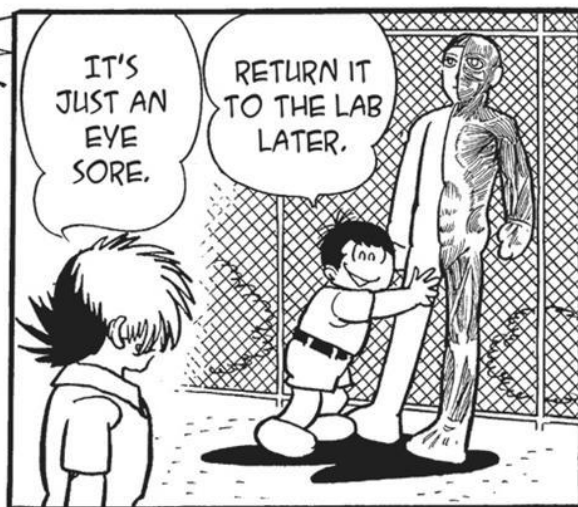
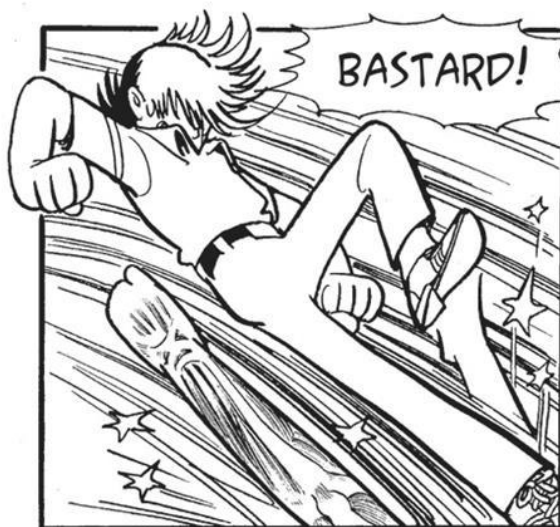


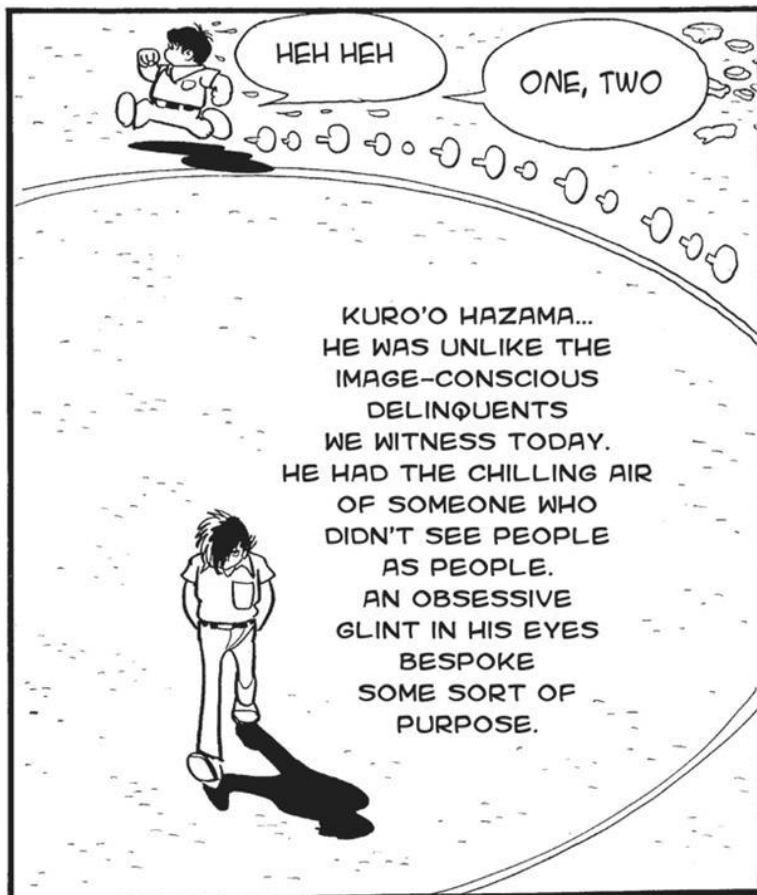
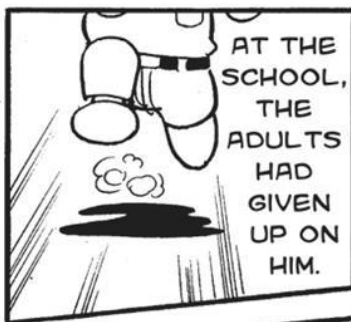


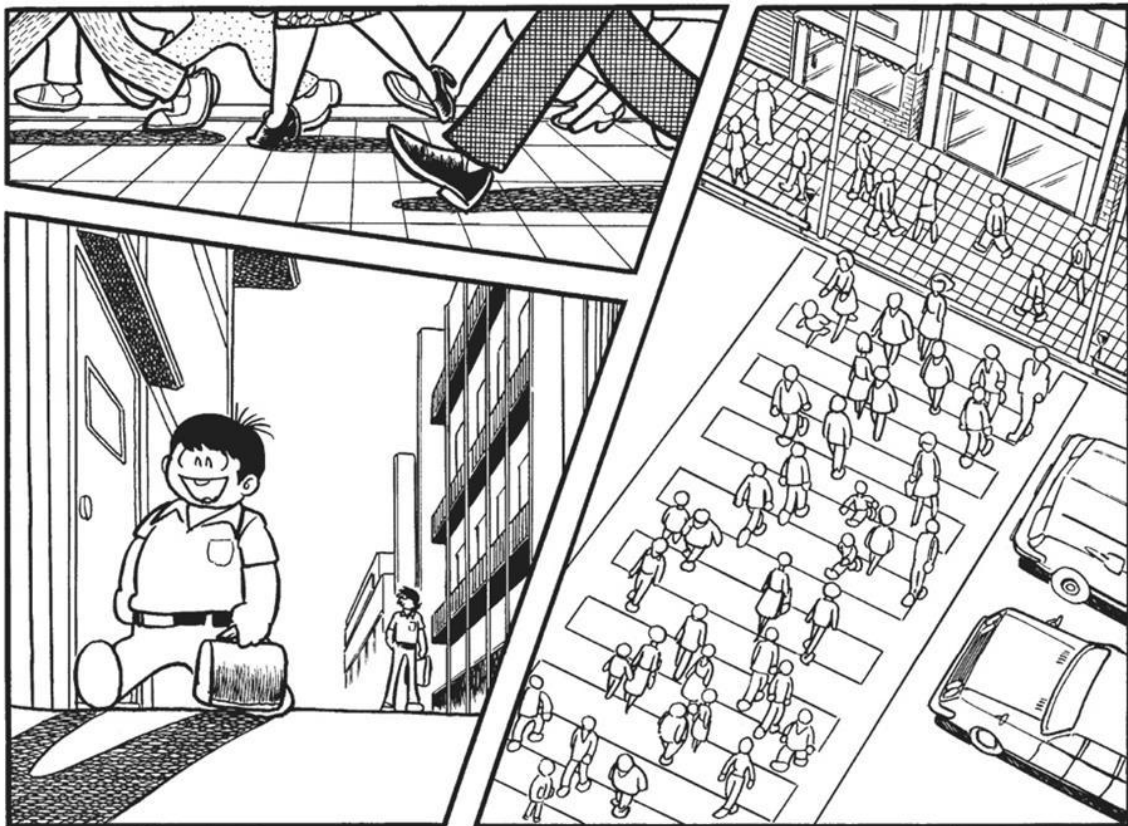
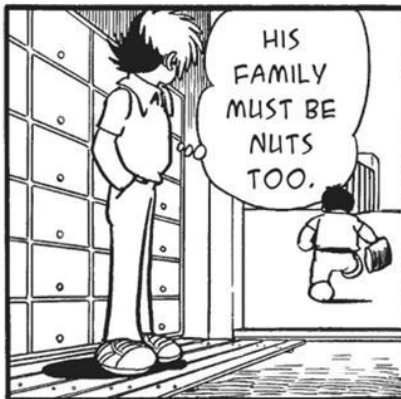


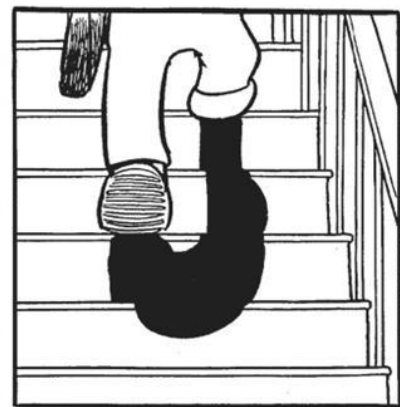








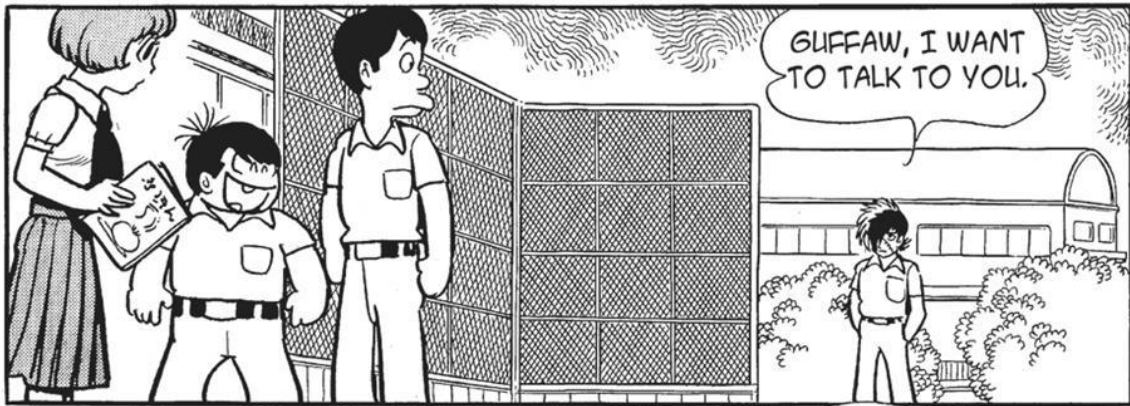


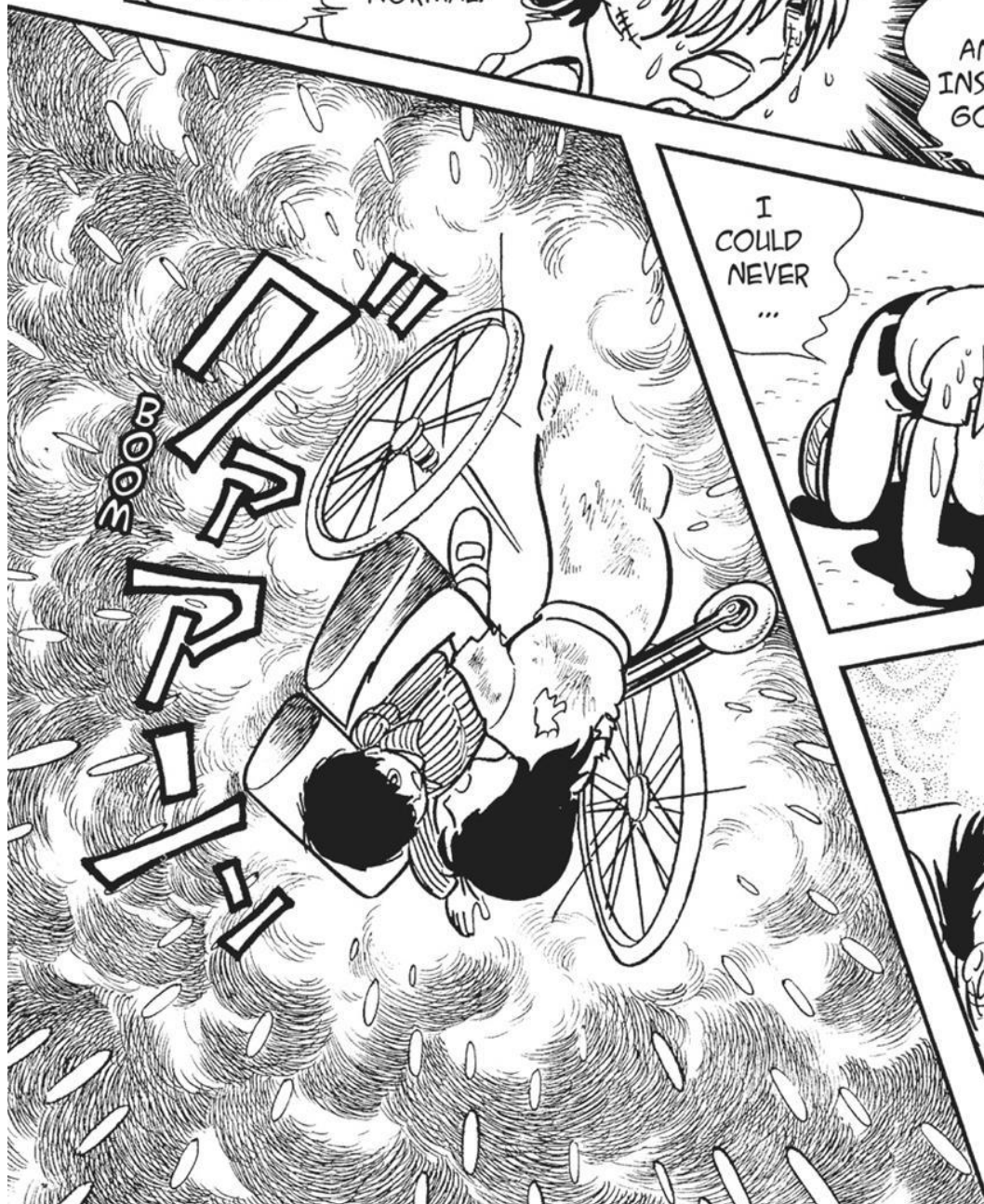


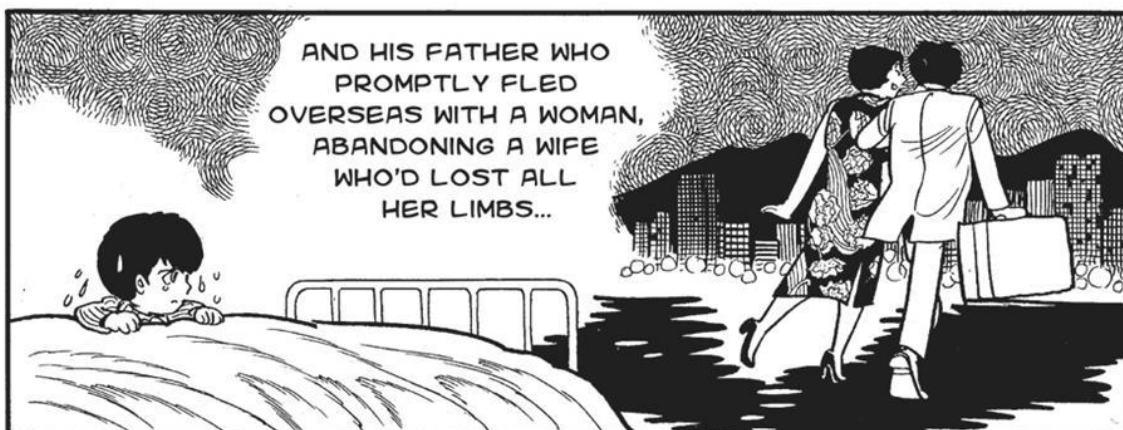
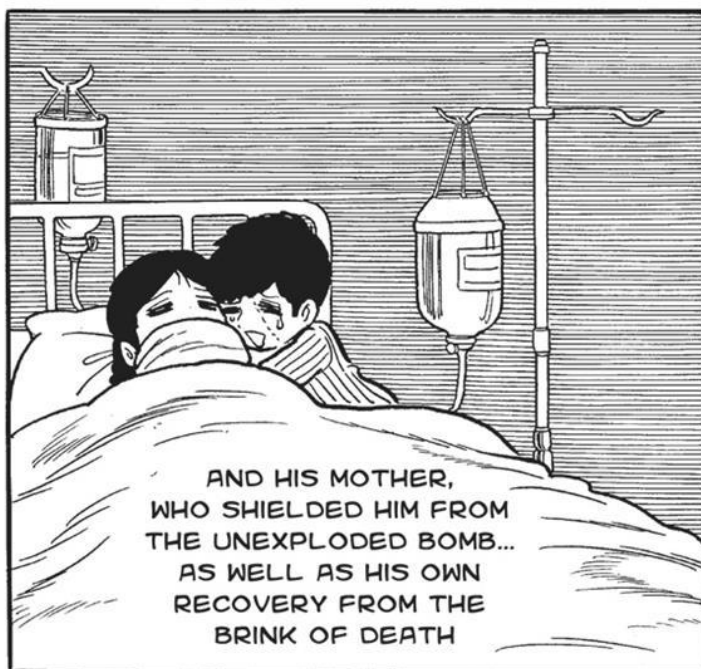
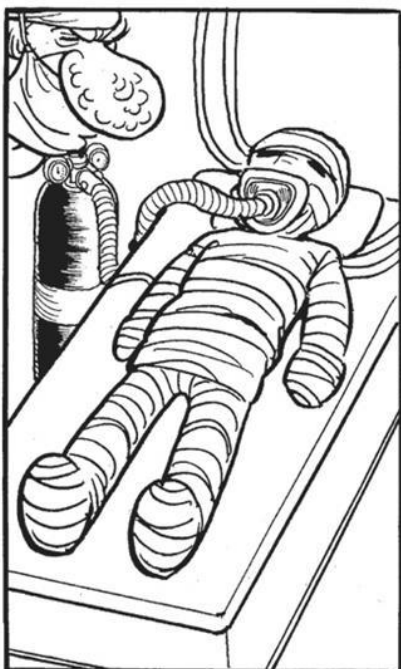
TOTALLY EMPTY... LOOKS LIKE THE COLLECTORS TOOK ALL THE FURNITURE. BUT HE'S BEARING IT AS BEST HE CAN. A GOOD BOY.



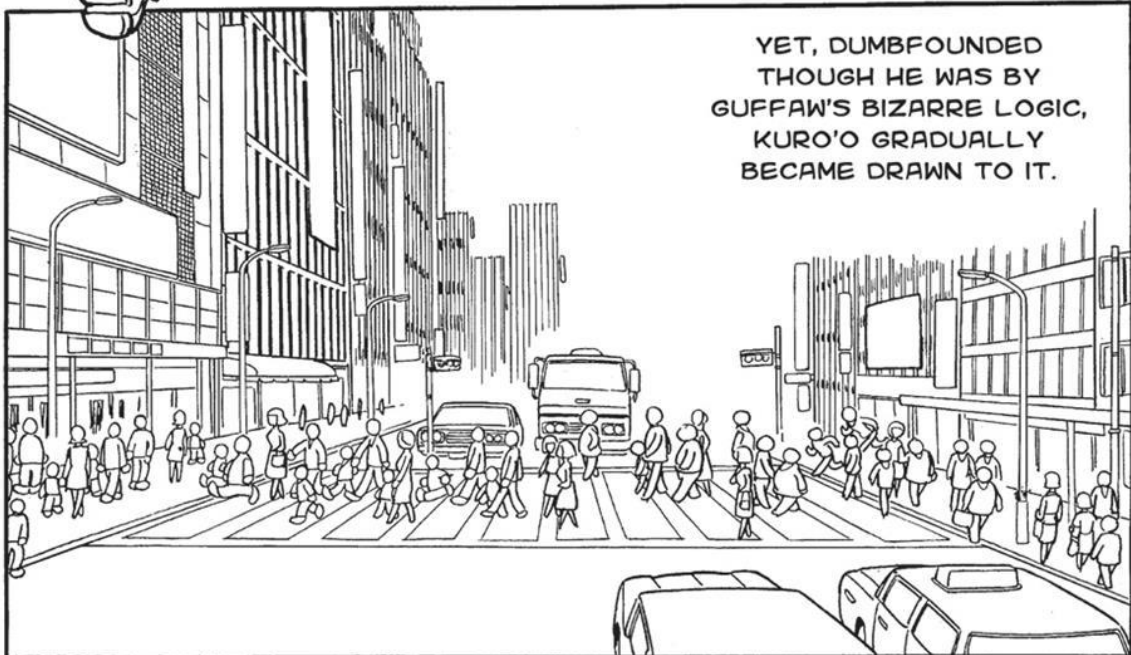
OH, THAT BOY? POOR SOUL. HIS PARENTS TOOK OUT A HIGH-INTEREST LOAN. A YEAR AGO, THEY HAD TO FLY BY NIGHT, LEAVING HIM BEHIND... I FIND IT TOUCHING THAT HE'S BEEN SO STRONG.

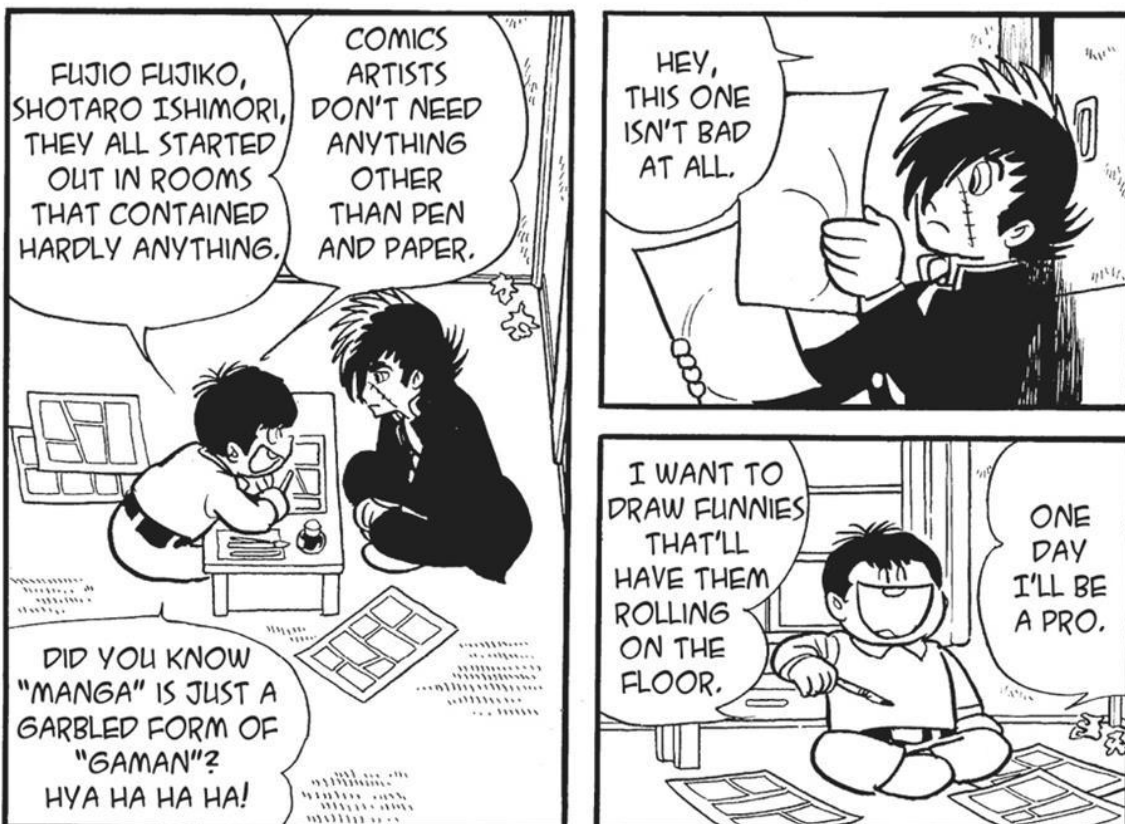
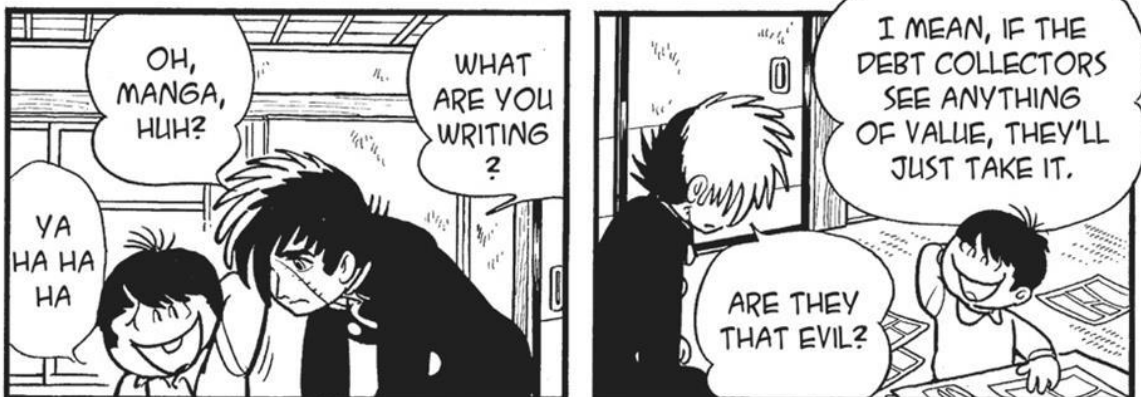












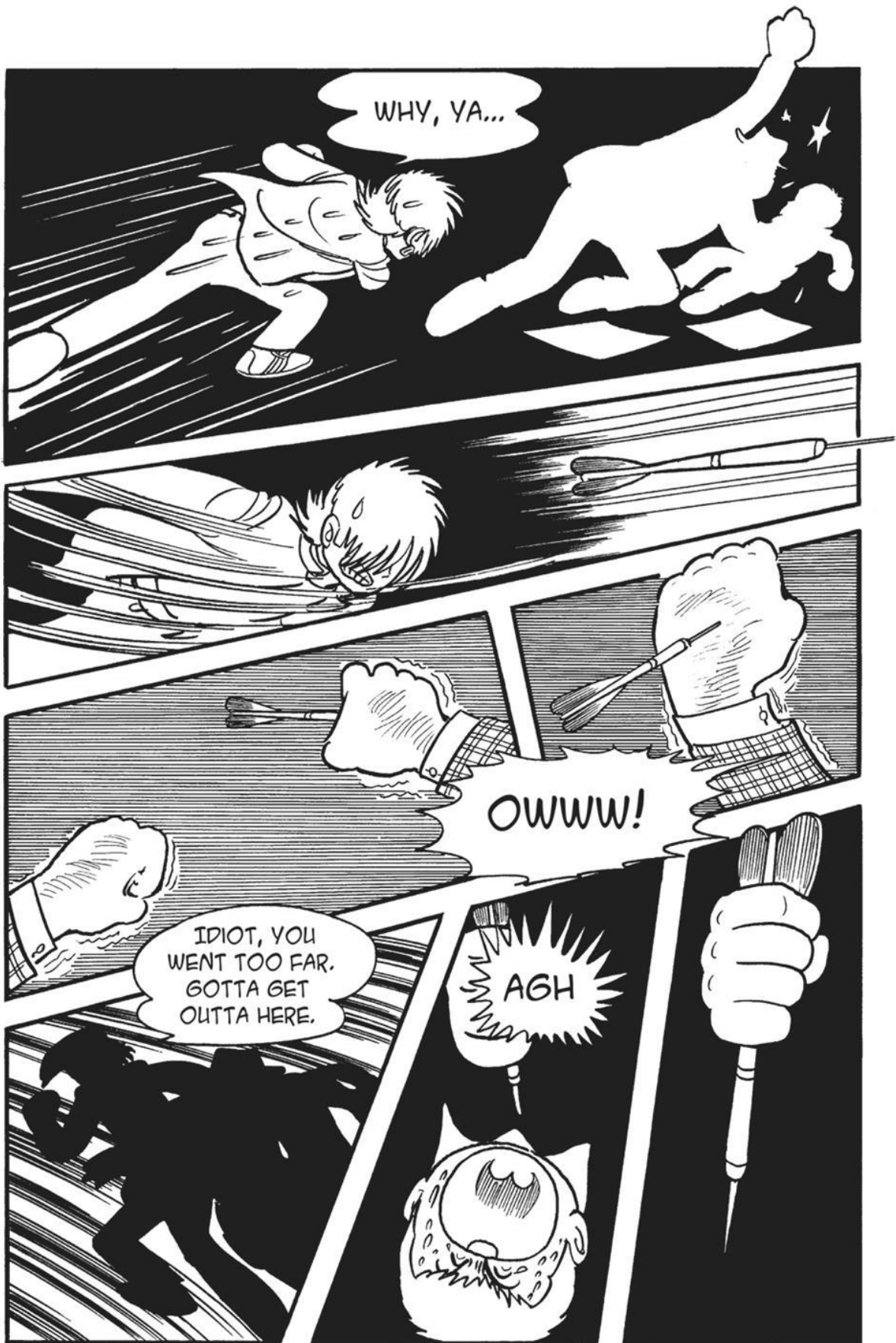
NOTE: "GAMAN" MEANS PERSEVERANCE, BUT THE ETYMOLOGY IS A JOKE ON GUFFAW'S PART. THE CHARACTERS FOR "MANGA" MEAN FRIVOLOUS PICTURES, AND THE ORIGINAL SENSE IS COMPARABLE TO THE ENGLISH TERM FUNNIES.

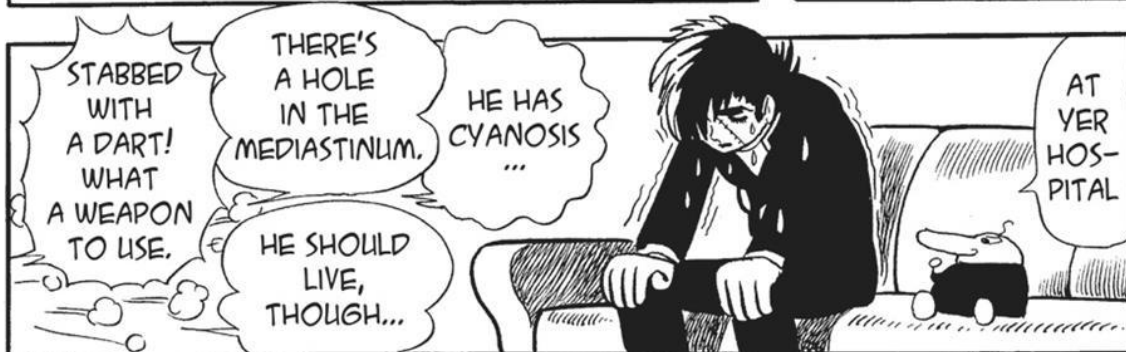
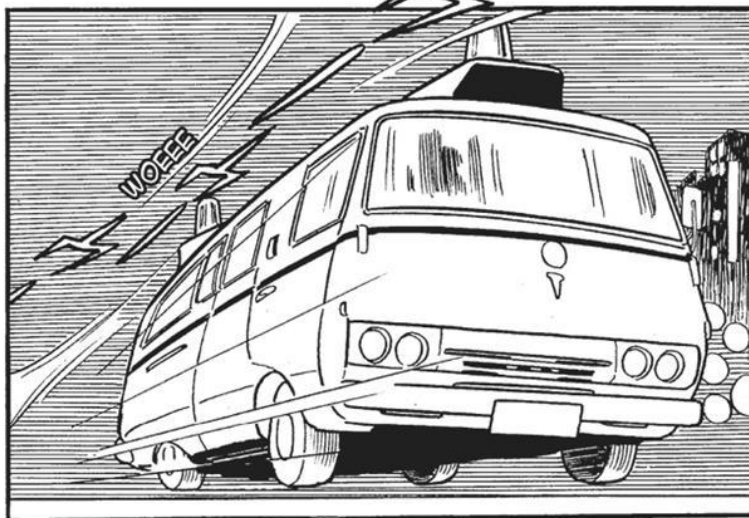


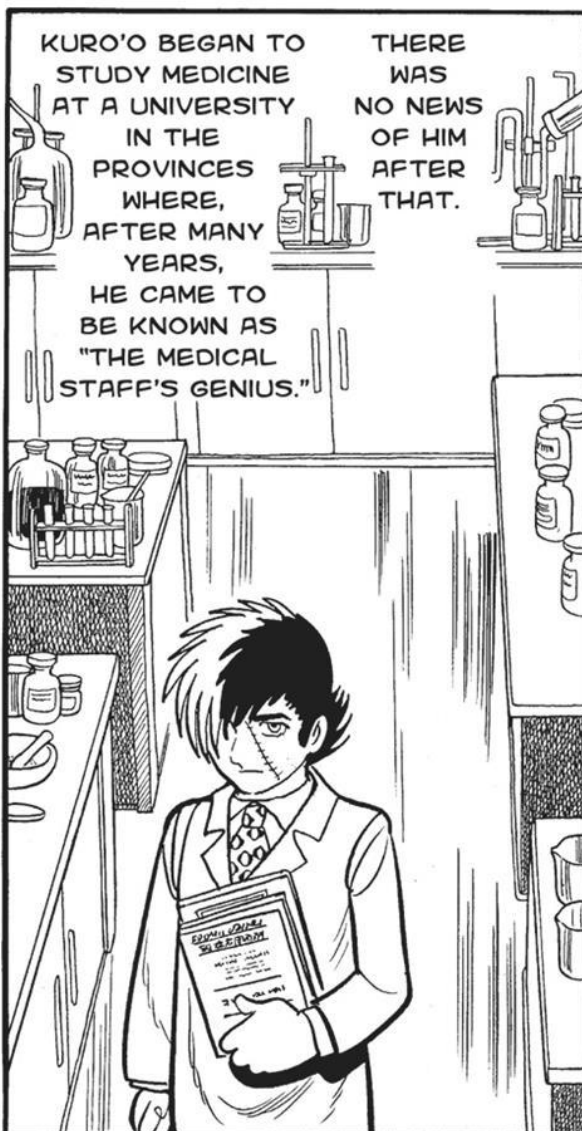
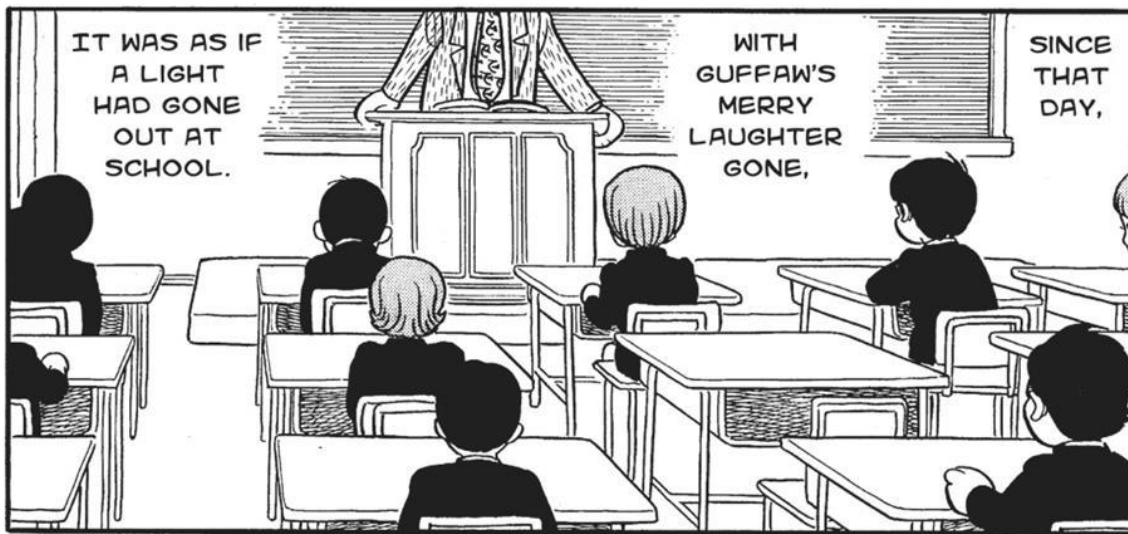
NOTE: THE HIT VARIETY SHOW YOU MAY LAUGH, WHICH DEBUTED IN 1982, STILL RUNS EVERY WEEKDAY NOON AND IS STILL HOSTED BY COMEDIAN KAZUYOSHI MORITA, A.K.A. TAMORI, WHOM GUFFAW MORPHS INTO ABOVE.

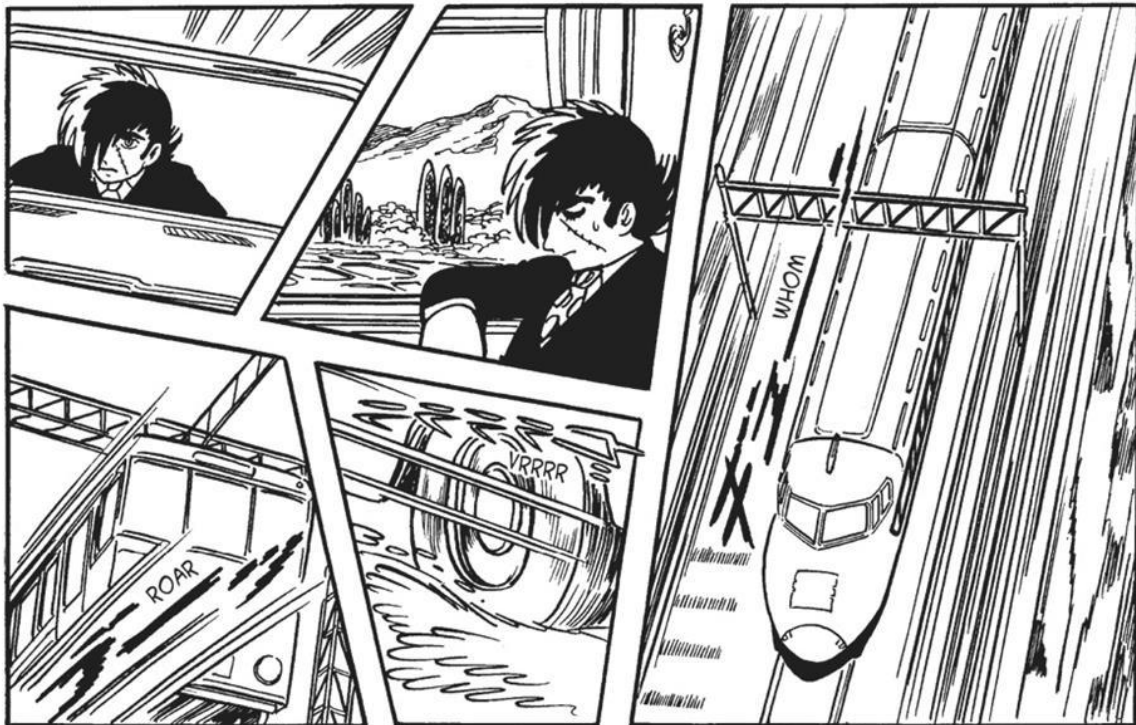
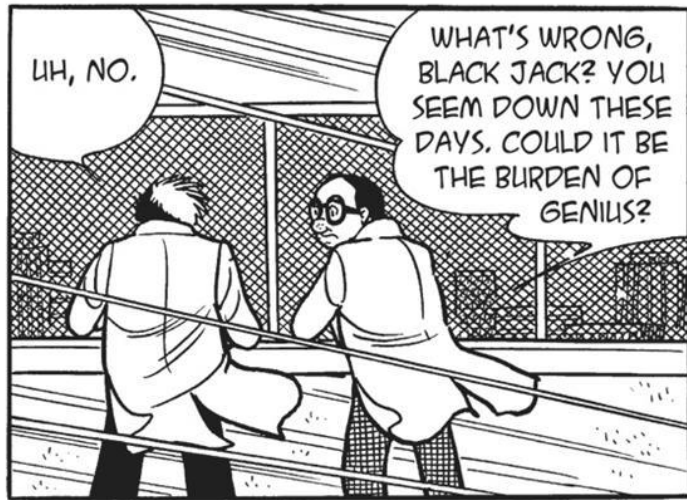


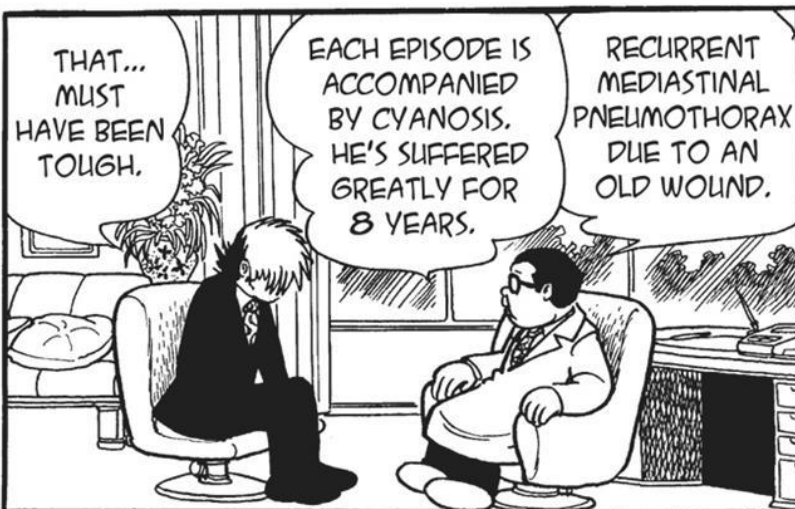
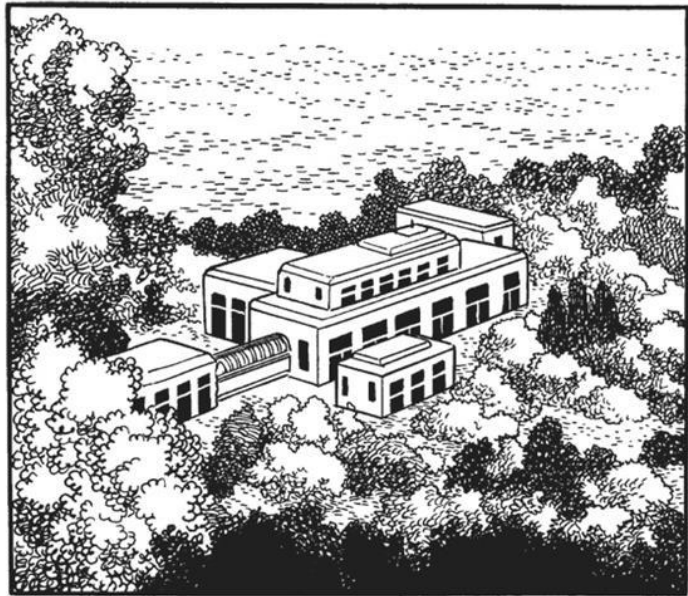


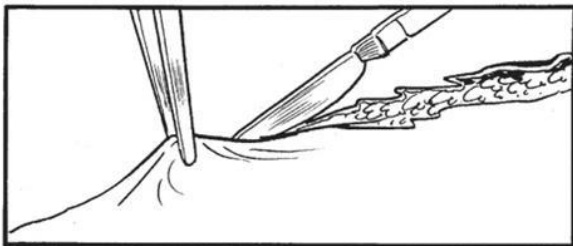
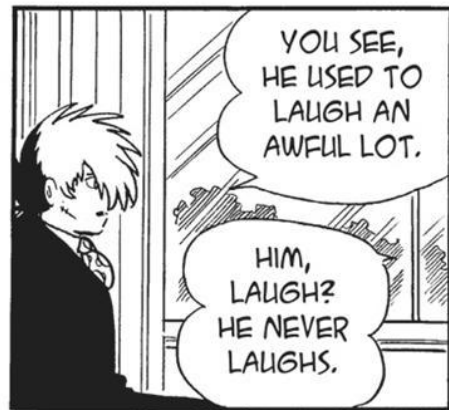


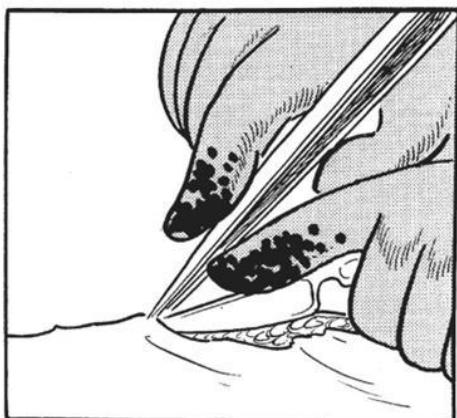






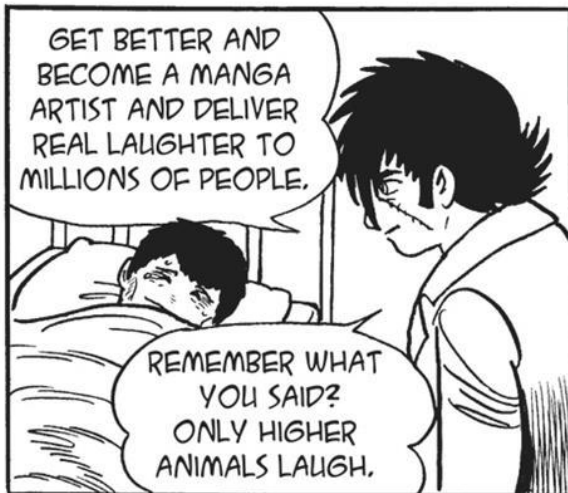
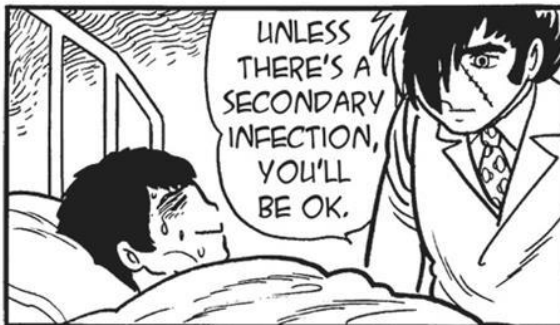






GOOD, WE'RE AT THE INVASION POINT!







IT'S A SHAME.
HE DEVELOPED
A HIGH FEVER
DUE TO
A SECONDARY
INFECTION.
THE IMMEDIATE
CAUSE OF
DEATH WAS
SHOCK.

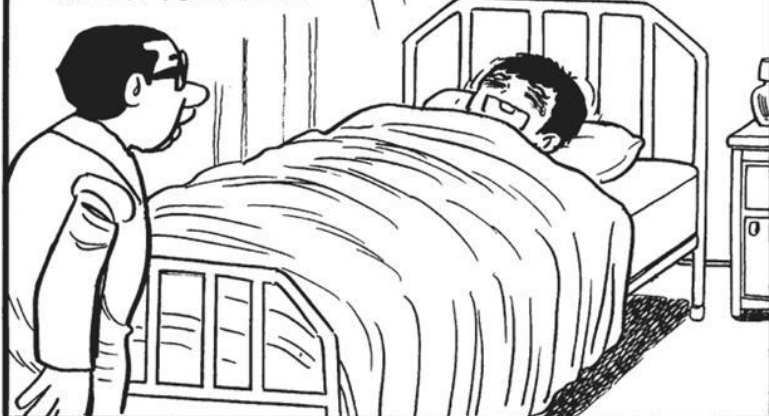
THAT PATIENT
PASSED AWAY
JUST NOW.

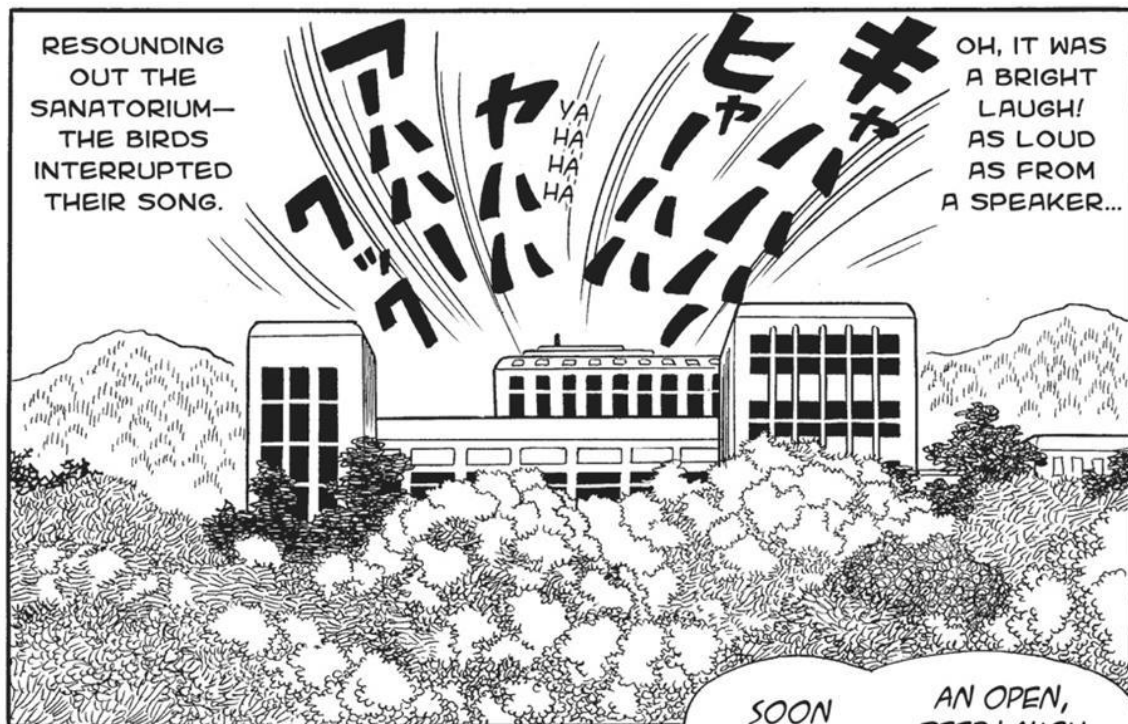
WHAT?!!

DOC-
TOR
BLACK
JACK !



MAYBE HE SAW IT
COMING...
WHILE THE FEVER
WRACKED HIS BODY,
HE SUDDENLY
BEGAN TO LAUGH.





SOON
AFTER,
HE
PASSED...

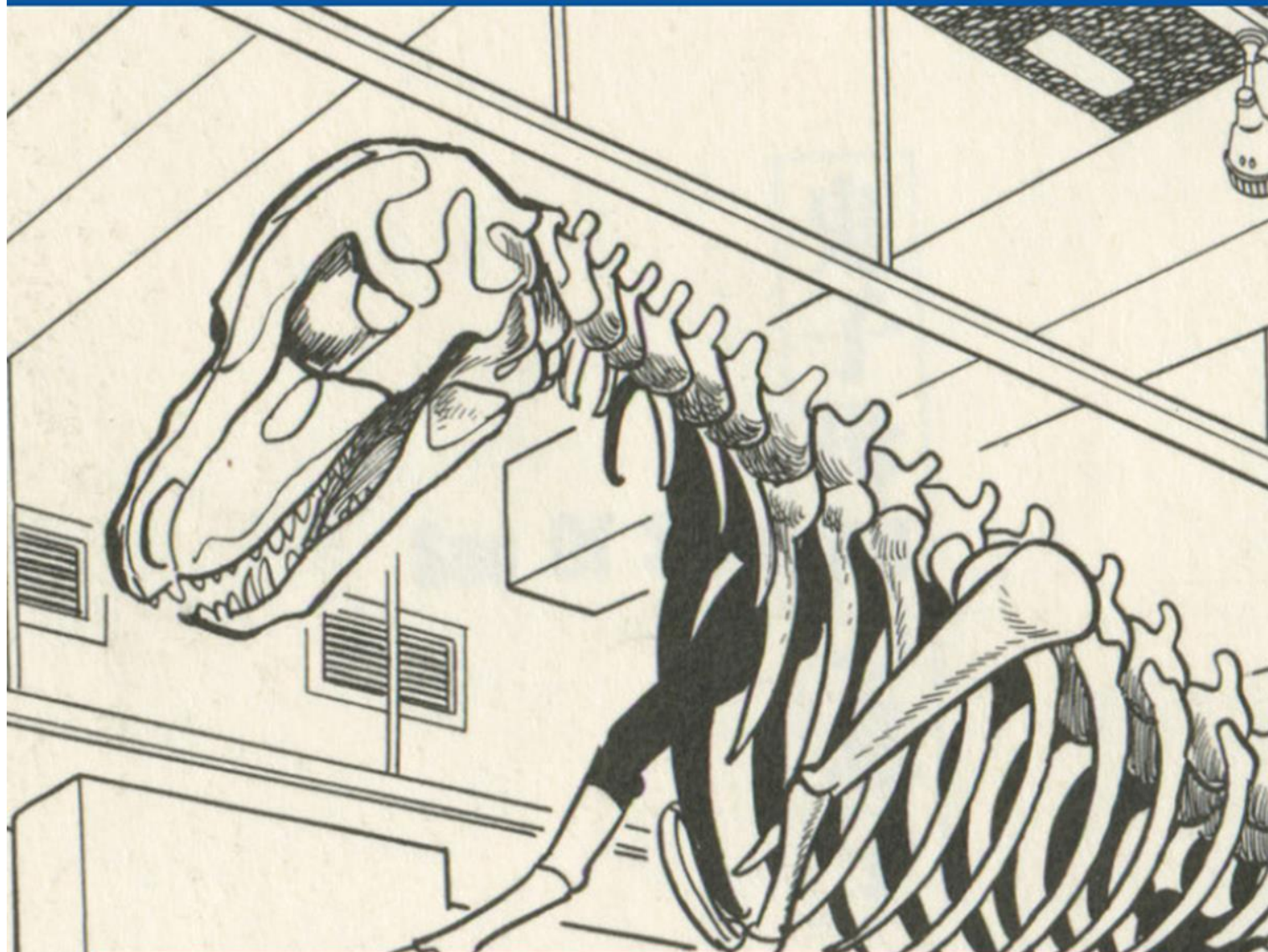
AN OPEN,
DEEP LAUGH
LIKE I'D NEVER
HEARD.



HE LAUGHED
THANKS TO
YOU...



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